



A police officer helps a child off a school bus carrying students after a shooting at Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy in Decatur, Ga., on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013. Superintendent Michael Thurmond says all students at the school east of Atlanta are accounted for and safe and that he is not aware of any injuries.

(AP Photo/John Bazemore)

School Gunman In Custody; Students, Parents Reunite

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ATLANTA -- A tense afternoon ended with tears and cheers as anxious parents were reunited with their children Tuesday afternoon, hours after a man entered a metro Atlanta elementary school and fired gunshots. Police believe that same alleged gunman also had possible explosives in a waiting car. No one was injured and the alleged gunman was quickly taken into custody at Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy, near Decatur, according

to police. The suspect, armed with an AK-47, barricaded himself in the front office before he fired shots at officers, who then returned fire, DeKalb County police Chief Cedric Alexander said Tuesday afternoon. That suspect, believed to be about 19 years old, apparently slipped into the school behind someone who had entry access to the building, police said. He was taken into custody at the school. Both GBI and FBI agents were dispatched to the area to assist numerous other law enforcement agencies, Alexander said. Shortly after 6 p.m., officers

surrounded a home near the school, but it wasn't immediately whose home it was. A car belonging to the suspect was also extensively searched, police said. Investigators planned to work through the night to piece together what may have caused the suspect to cause the scare at the school. But the logistics required to evacuate the school, transport hundreds of students to a safe location, and reunite them safely with family members proved frustrating to some. In a Wal-Mart parking less than two miles from the school, students were

pulled one by one from buses and not allowed to go with a family member until school officials and law enforcement double-checked identification. The suspect's name was not released. But investigators said he was in police custody and expected to be booked into the DeKalb County jail, said Lt. Kyle Jones with the DeKalb Sheriff's Office. Shortly after 1 p.m., moments before shots were fired, a school employee called the assignment desk at Channel 2 Action News.

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BROTHERHOOD SUPREME LEADER HELD IN PRISON

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's military-backed authorities arrested the Muslim Brotherhood's supreme leader on Tuesday, dealing a serious blow to the embattled movement at a time when it is struggling to keep up street protests against the ouster of President Mohammed Morsi in the face of a harsh government crackdown.



Mohammed Badie, spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, after being arrested by security forces in Cairo, August 20, 2013. (EIM via The New York Times)

The Brotherhood's spiritual guide, Mohammed Badie, was arrested in an apartment in the Cairo district of Nasr City, close to the site of a sit-in encampment that was forcibly cleared by security forces last week, triggering violence that killed hundreds of people. Badie's arrest is the latest move in an escalating crackdown by authorities on the Brotherhood, which has seen hundreds of its members taken into custody. The Muslim Brotherhood said Badie's detention would not weaken the movement or lead its followers away from their principles.

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Egypt:

Brotherhood's top leader grilled in prison

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"The people will continue their peaceful struggle until they regain all their rights with his eminence, the guide (leader) in jail," it said.

The group's near-daily protests since Morsi's ouster have diminished in recent days, with scattered demonstrations in Cairo and elsewhere attracting mere hundreds, or even dozens, of protesters. On Tuesday, several hundred Morsi supporters staged protests in Helwan, an industrial suburb north of Cairo, and in Ein Shams, a residential district on the opposite end of the city, shortly before the 11-hour curfew went into effect at 7 p.m.

Badie's last public appearance was at the Nasr City protest encampment last month, where he delivered a fiery speech from a makeshift stage in which he denounced the military's removal of Morsi. His arrest followed the killing of his son Ammar, who was shot dead during violent clashes between security forces and Morsi supporters in Cairo on Friday.

Badie and his powerful deputy, Khairat el-Shater, are to stand trial later this month on charges of complicity in the killing in June of eight protesters outside the Brotherhood's national headquarters in Cairo.

Badie was taken to Tora prison in a suburb south of Cairo, where a team of prosecutors was question-

After his arrest, the private ONTV network showed footage of a somber-looking Badie sitting motionless on a black sofa as a man in civilian clothes and carrying an assault rifle stood nearby.

Meanwhile, the Brotherhood released the text of Badie's weekly message to the group's followers. Quoting heavily from the Quran, he warned that anyone who supports the current "oppression, suppression and bloodshed" — including Arab and foreign governments — will soon regret their stand.

He also called on the international community to "take a strong stand on the side of righteousness, freedom for all peoples of the world, since the age of mil-



Mohammed Badie, spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, at a police station after being arrested by security forces in Cairo, August 20, 2013. The Egyptian police arrested Badie early on Tuesday, hours after a court ordered the release of former President Hosni Mubarak.

(EIM via The New York Times)

Morsi has been detained in an undisclosed location since the July 3 coup that ousted him, following protests by millions of Egyptians against his rule.

He is facing accusations of conspiring with the militant Palestinian Hamas group to escape from prison during the 2011 uprising and complicity in the killing and torture of protesters outside his Cairo palace in December.

ing him, security officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Tora is the same sprawling complex where ex-president Hosni Mubarak, ousted in the 2011 popular uprising, is being held, along with his two sons. Several Mubarak-era figures are also imprisoned there, as are several Brotherhood leaders and other Islamists.

itary coups has gone and you have stood against them everywhere in honor of the values of freedom, justice and human rights." In the aftermath of last Wednesday's violent crackdown on the sit-in camps, the military-backed government is considering outlawing the Brotherhood, which has spent most of the 85 years since its creation as an illegal organization. □



UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon left, shakes hands with Israel's Justice Minister and chief Palestinian negotiator Tzipi Livni, during a meeting in Jerusalem. Israel will make "dramatic decisions" to reach a final peace agreement that will end the conflict with the Palestinians, Israel's chief negotiator Tzipi Livni said Tuesday, August 20, 2013.

(AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

Israeli negotiator Tzipi Livni predicts dramatic decisions

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel will make "dramatic decisions" to reach a final peace agreement that will end the conflict with the Palestinians, Israel's chief negotiator said Tuesday while warning that hawks inside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition are making her job more difficult. Tzipi Livni's remarks came as a senior Palestinian official said that Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met for their second round of peace talks Tuesday. The first round was held last week in Jerusalem under a cloak of secrecy.

The Palestinian official, who is close to the negotiations, said the sides held two rounds of talks in Jerusalem but refused to disclose the precise location. He spoke on condition of anonymity because both sides promised U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry not to discuss details with the media.

Kerry spent months engaging in shuttle diplomacy between the two sides before they agreed to return to the table after a five-year freeze in negotiations. Livni, speaking on Israel Radio, also refused to comment on the talks, saying that holding negotiations far from the media is meant to build mutual trust.

But she predicted there would be "dramatic decisions in the end," and la-

mented the lack of support from hard-line elements in the coalition.

Talks collapsed in 2008 and remained stalled until now, mainly over the issue of Israeli settlement construction in territory the Palestinians demand for their future state.

The Palestinians had demanded a settlement freeze in exchange for resuming talks — a condition that Israel refused.

Kerry managed to get the Palestinians to drop their demand in exchange for Israel's release of long-time Palestinian prisoners involved in killing Israeli civilians and soldiers. Talks on a final deal are to last six to nine months.

Livni said that hawkish parties in the coalition are making the talks more difficult because of their opposition to establishment of a Palestinian state, the centerpiece of any peace deal. "It is no secret that in this coalition there is at least one party ... which objects to the idea of two states for two peoples, which is something I support with all my heart," Livni said. "It is definitely very problematic in regard to the negotiations," she said.

Economics Minister Naftali Bennett, leader of the Jewish Home Party, the coalition's third largest, objects to conceding territory to the Palestinians. The party is allied with the Jewish settler movement. □

Pfc. Manning to be sentenced on Wednesday

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WASHINGTON - Pfc. Bradley Manning will be sentenced Wednesday morning for providing more than 700,000 secret government documents to WikiLeaks, the largest leak of confidential materials in American history, the judge announced Tuesday, just hours after beginning deliberations.

Manning, 25, faces up to 90 years in prison, although he will be credited for the three and a half years he has already spent in custody. There is no minimum sentence. The judge, Col. Denise R. Lind, convicted him in July of most of the charges, including six counts of violating the Espionage Act of 1917.

The sentencing is scheduled for 10 a.m., and the hearing is expected to be brief. Lind will announce Manning's full sentence before adjourning the court-martial, a legal expert said. She will not break down the sentence by charge or explain her reasoning, and Manning will not make a statement, the expert said.

On Monday, Manning named one of his lawyers, David E. Coombs, to work with him on the clemency process, through which he could seek a reduction of his sentence. Most likely, he must serve a third of his sentence before becoming eligible for parole, the legal expert said.

It took just under an hour and a half for both sides to make their closing arguments on Monday. The defense team asked Lind to hand down a lenient sentence that would allow Manning to redeem himself as a productive member of society. Prosecutors urged her to sentence him to at least 60 years, arguing that he had endangered lives and harmed diplomatic relations that are critical to national security.

Coombs, speaking to Manning's supporters on Monday. □

US weighs pros, cons of cutting some aid to Egypt

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration, undertaking a major review of U.S. relations with Egypt,

ousted Morsi, who was the nation's first freely elected president. The July 3 coup followed days of protests by millions of Egyptians demanding that Morsi, who hails from the Islamist

"cannot continue as usual" while violence and instability deepen.

The administration now is deciding what it wants U.S. engagement in Egypt to look like and what, if any,

acterize the military's takeover of the Egyptian government as a coup d'etat.' Such a determination would not only make it appear that the U.S. was taking sides in the internal conflict, but it also would, under U.S. law, trigger an automatic suspension of most aid programs.

However, while the administration has not declared Egypt's military takeover a coup, officials are essentially treating it as such internally and are reviewing aid under the guidelines that govern such a determination, a U.S. official said. Stopping short of making a formal declaration gives the U.S. flexibility in what aid it might cut off, the official said. It also would make it easier to reinstate aid later.

The official spoke only on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the situation publicly.

The money is significant. Between 1948 and 2011, the U.S. provided Egypt with \$71.6 billion in bilateral aid, according to a June report issued by the Congressional Research Service. A number of U.S. interests are at stake. U.S. warships are given fast passage through the Suez Canal to deploy carrier groups to the Persian Gulf. Without that access, the ships would have to travel around the Cape of Good Hope, adding time to their deployment from Norfolk, Virginia, the report said. The U.S. also wants to keep the 1979 Israel-Egypt peace treaty intact, promote democracy and economic growth in the country and maintain Egyptian cooperation on intelligence and issues related to terrorist activity in the region. □



White House principal deputy press secretary Josh Earnest answers questions during his daily news briefing at the White House in Washington, Monday, Aug., 19, 2013. The White House again knocked down reports that the Obama administration has temporarily suspended some aid to Egypt. Earnest said. "Our aid and assistance relationship with Egypt is under a review, but it has not been cut off." President Obama ordered a review of military aid to Egypt in early July, but that review "has not concluded," Earnest said.

(AP Photo/Pablo Monsivais)

edged closer to a decision Tuesday about curtailing some of America's \$1.5 billion in annual aid after the Egyptian military's crack-down on supporters of ousted President Mohamed Morsi.

Top administration officials met at the White House to review the possibility of cutting military or economic aid to Egypt, a longtime U.S. ally and the most populous nation in the Arab world. Some cuts are forthcoming, according to U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to talk publicly about the sensitive discussions.

Tensions in Egypt have soared since the army

Muslim Brotherhood, step down. Some 1,000 people have been killed in ensuing violence. The U.S. is in a bind. While it wants to continue aiding Egypt to maintain ties with the military-run government and assert its influence in the region, the Obama administration and lawmakers do not want to appear to be condoning the bloody crackdown. To express its displeasure, the U.S. suspended the delivery of four F-16 fighter jets to Egypt and canceled biennial U.S.-Egyptian military exercises planned for next month. In canceling the military exercises, President Barack Obama said that America's traditional cooperation with Egypt

aid, should be cut. Congress, meanwhile, appears split on whether to suspend the aid, with some saying that would deprive Washington of leverage over those in power in Cairo.

So far, Obama has opted against any swift reaction, insisting it would not serve U.S. national interests to suddenly eliminate funding for operations that cover everything from fighting al-Qaida in the heart of the Middle East and safeguarding the stability of the Suez Canal to halting weapons flow to the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip and ensuring Israel's security.

For weeks the administration has said it won't char-

Washington reopens strategic US Embassy in Yemen

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department says the U.S. Embassy in Yemen — one of 19 embassies and consulates closed earlier this month because of a terrorist threat — has reopened to provide limited

public services. Most American employees at the U.S. Embassy in Yemen were ordered to leave the country because of the threat, which emanated from al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. On Aug. 11, the U.S.

reopened 18 of the 19 embassies and consulates that were closed for about two weeks in the Middle East and Africa, but the one in Yemen remained closed. The reopening on Sunday coincided with announce-

ments that Britain and Germany were also reopening their embassies in the Yemeni capital of Sanaa.

The U.S. Consulate in Lahore, Pakistan, remains closed due to a separate threat. □

Autopsy found traces of drugs after Hastings death

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Journalist Michael Hastings had returned to drugs after 14 years of sobriety and had traces of amphetamine and marijuana in his system when he drove his car into a tree hours after he was seen passed out in his home, according to an autopsy report released Tuesday.

Coroner's investigators said the drugs likely did not contribute to the June crash, which they classified as an accident. But their use by the 33-year-old Hastings, coupled with family accounts to investigators, shed new light on the death of the award-winning journalist whose reporting led to the resignation of a top

American general.

The autopsy report came two months after Hastings' death on a deserted Los Angeles street fueled conspiracy theories and prompted the FBI to release an unusual statement that it had not been investigating him.

Investigators said the crash occurred a day after Hastings returned from New York, where his wife was living at the time, and hours before a brother was due to join another family member in urging Hastings to go to detox. Family members told investigators that Hastings had been using the hallucinogenic DMT recently, though the drug was not detected in a blood test after the crash.

The names of family mem-



Photo shows award-winning journalist and war correspondent Michael Hastings. A Los Angeles County coroner's autopsy report released Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, says the 33-year-old Hastings died instantly of "massive blunt force trauma." The autopsy found traces of amphetamine and marijuana in his body but concluded that it was an unlikely contributor to his death in a fiery single-car crash, June 18 in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Blue Rider Press/Penguin)

bers who spoke to investigators were redacted in the report.

The report said a fam-

ily member had last seen Hastings passed out at home about three hours before the crash. The person said Hastings had been smoking marijuana the night before the crash.

Investigators said Hastings was found after the crash with a medicinal marijuana identity card in his wallet, and that the drug apparently was used to ease post-traumatic stress disorder after his assignments in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Hastings died instantly of massive blunt force trauma when he apparently lost control of his 2013 silver Mercedes while traveling at high speed and hit a tree in the Hancock Park

area of Los Angeles. The crash occurred at about 4:20 a.m. and was caught on at least one video camera that showed Hastings driving rapidly through a red light.

Family members told investigators that Hastings had been "sober" for 14 years but started to use drugs again over the past month. He had moved a couple months ago from New York to California and continued his work as a writer for BuzzFeed. Toxicology results showed small amounts of amphetamine in his blood, which indicated he had possibly taken methamphetamine many hours before his death. □

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Afghan massacre victim curses gunman

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Associated Press

**JOINT BASE LEWIS-MC-
CHORD, Washington (AP)**

— An Afghan farmer shot during a massacre in Kandahar Province last year took the witness stand Tuesday against the U.S. soldier who attacked his village, cursing him before breaking down and pleading with the prosecutor not to ask him any more questions.

Haji Mohammad Naim appeared Tuesday in the courtroom at Joint Base Lewis-McChord south of Seattle, where a sentenc-

ing hearing began for Staff Sgt. Robert Bales in the slayings of 16 civilians killed during pre-dawn raids on two villages on March 11, 2012. The hearing afforded some victims and relatives their first chance to confront Bales face-to-face.

With a thick gray beard, a turban and traditional Afghan dress, Haji Mohammad Naim testified in his native Pashto through an interpreter, speaking loudly and quickly and frequently waving a finger in the air. He pointed to where he was shot in the cheek and neck. □

School Gunman In Custody; Students, Parents Reunite

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A man had walked into the school with a gun, and he told the school employee to call the TV station.

"This was his way of sending a message to police, by calling us," according to Lacey LeCroy, Channel 2 assignment editor, who took the call. "She told me she was the only one in the office with him."

LeCroy said that according to the school worker, the alleged gunman said he wanted police to back up, and that he wasn't afraid to die. The school worker gave LeCroy as much information as possible before there was silence on the line.

"For a long time, there was nothing from her," LeCroy said.

Then, LeCroy heard gunshots. She stayed on line for about five minutes until she heard the school work-



Sparkle Potts, left, cries upon seeing her nephew Cameron Bell pull up in a school bus from Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy while waiting with his grandmother Arvis Potts, right, in a Wal-Mart Inc., parking lot after students were evacuated when a gunman entered the school, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, in Decatur, Ga.

(AP Photo/David Goldman)

er's voice again.

"They got him. They got him," the school worker told LeCroy. □

Doctor: Marathon suspect was shot through the face

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The surviving Boston Marathon bombing suspect had been shot through the face and had a fractured skull, wounds to his lower extremities and bone injuries on his left hand when he was caught hiding in a boat in a suburban backyard, according to the surgeon who treated him.

The most severe injury was from a bullet that appeared to enter through the left inside of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's mouth and exit the lower section of his face on the left side, Dr. Stephen Ray Odom said

during a legal proceeding at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center three days after capture. A transcript of the testimony was unsealed Monday in U.S. District Court.

Tsarnaev was wounded during a confrontation with police a day after authorities released photos of him and his older brother, Tamerlan, as suspects in the bombing.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev escaped during the shootout, running over his brother in the process. Tamerlan Tsarnaev died following the shootout. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was captured the next day in Watertown. □

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Prosecutors rest in Fort Hood shooting trial

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FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Military prosecutors rested their case Tuesday against the Army psychiatrist ac-

nesses in only 11 days, prosecutors completed their case against Maj. Nidal Hasan. The soldier also is accused of wounding more than 30 people at the Texas Army post dur-

indicated Tuesday that he planned to call no witnesses. When reminded by the judge when it was time to formally argue that prosecutors hadn't proven their case, Hasan declined. In

judge, Col. Tara Osborn, skeptical about whether he would try to convince jurors not to convict him. If convicted, Hasan could face the death penalty. He is charged with numerous counts of premeditated murder and attempted premeditated murder.

The military defense attorneys ordered to help Hasan during the trial have accused him of trying to secure himself a death sentence. They have asked that their responsibilities be cut back, but Osborn has denied their requests. They have remained in the courtroom, but Hasan rarely speaks to them. The specter of an almost-certain appeal has hung over the long-delayed case. If Hasan gets a death sentence, the case would automatically go to the military appeals courts, which have overturned most of the death sentences they have reviewed. Osborn reminded Hasan that if he takes the witness stand, he would be required to ask and answer his own questions and couldn't simply make a statement. □



In this courtroom sketch defense witness Stephen Bennett, right, testifies as Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, left, and presiding judge Col. Tara Osborn look on in court during Hasan's court-martial in Fort Hood, Texas on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013. Military prosecutors rested their case against the Army psychiatrist accused of killing 13 people during the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood. (AP Photo/Brigitte Woosley)

cused of killing 13 people during the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood, but whether the soldier plans to do anything to defend himself remains to be seen. After calling nearly 90 wit-

ing the attack, the worst mass shooting ever on a U.S. military base. The judge then adjourned the trial for the day, meaning Hasan could begin his case Wednesday — but he

fact, Hasan has sat mostly silent during the trial despite acting as his own defense attorney. He has questioned only three witnesses and raised few objections, leaving even the

Trial starts for teen accused of shooting baby

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Associated Press

MARIETTA, Georgia (AP) — A young man fatally shot a 13-month-old baby in a stroller in coastal Georgia when the child's mother did not immediately hand over her purse, a prosecutor said on the first day of the man's murder trial Tuesday, while a defense attorney suggested to a jury that the child's parents were somehow involved in the slaying.

De'Marquise Elkins is charged with murder and other offenses in the March 21 killing of the toddler, Antonio Santiago.

"The young man took the gun and aimed it at Antonio's head and shot him right between the eyes," Brunswick District Attorney Jackie Johnson told jurors. If convicted, Elkins will not face the death penalty because he was 17 at the time of the killing, too young under Georgia law to be executed.

The child's mother, Sherry West, was shot in her leg and another bullet grazed her ear. Prosecutors have also accused Elkins of shooting Wilfredo Calix Flores outside a local church 10 days before the child was killed.

The killing this spring in the port of city of Brunswick, close to vacation spots like Jekyll Island, drew national attention, and the trial was moved to the Atlanta suburbs because of the extensive publicity the case received locally. In opening statements, Johnson told jurors that both shootings started off as robberies.

"When it didn't happen immediately, as Mr. Elkins thought it should, his reaction was to shoot," Johnson alleged. □

Sen. Cruz shrugs off Canadian citizenship

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican senator, seemingly eyeing a presidential run in 2016, calls his renunciation of Canadian citizenship no big deal, even though questions about candidates' birthplaces have flared in recent elections. Controversy still dogs President Barack Obama from some quarters despite proof he was born in Hawaii. Sen. Ted Cruz, a Texas Re-

publican and conservative tea party favorite, was born in Canada, to a Cuban father and U.S.-born mother. His mother's status has allowed him to be a citizen of both the United States and Canada, but he said Tuesday in Houston, "I believe it makes sense for me to be only an American." Previous foreign-born Americans — notably Republicans John McCain and George Romney — have run for president with some mention but no serious challenges of their eligibility. The chief upshot of

Cruz's announcement that he will renounce his Canadian citizenship is to suggest he is seriously eyeing a presidential bid in 2016, and would like to settle that side issue now. Cruz is among Obama's sharpest critics, and is vying for early national attention with another tea party-backed Senate newcomer, Rand Paul of Kentucky. Cruz is helping lead an effort to shut down the government if that is what it takes to stop implementation of Obama's landmark health care overhaul.

While some Americans called "birthers" still challenge Obama's citizenship — and therefore his right to be president — his situation is different from Cruz's. The son of a Kenyan father and American mother, Obama was born in Hawaii, according to his birth certificate. Though the birthers reject that evidence, many establishment Republicans saw that controversy as an unwelcome distraction in Obama's two elections, and the movement never expanded much beyond the party's fringes. □



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US Financial Front:

American housing recovery fuels Home Depot, other retailers

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Evidence of the housing recovery grew a bit stronger Tuesday, as Home Depot blew past analyst estimates and its internal projections, increased its yearly earnings forecast and said it "had one of the best quarters in our recent history." The chief financial officer, Carol Tomé, said the company projected that "we are in the early stages of housing recovery" as Home Depot reported a 17 percent increase in earnings, to \$1.8 billion. Sales in the second quarter grew 9.5 percent, to \$22.5 billion. Yet not all retailers saw lively home departments. J.C. Penney, which also reported earnings Tuesday, said revenue had dropped almost 12 percent for the quarter, in part because of lackluster sales in its recently revamped home departments. Its loss came in at \$2.66 a share, far worse than analyst estimates for a \$1.22 loss a share.

The home departments at Penney are left over from Ron Johnson, the former chief executive who was forced out in April. Penney went ahead with his plans for upscale home boutiques, unveiling them in June, but said Tuesday that they had performed quite badly. Costly items like a \$2,895 Jonathan Adler sofa and \$72 Michael Graves wine decanters failed to provide a draw to the specially designed areas.

"The merchandising strategy was not resonating well with our core customer and performance has been weaker than we had hoped," Myron E. Ullman III, the chief executive, told investors Tuesday.

Sales at stores open at least a year, a key performance indicator, slid 11.9 percent in the quarter; Ullman said they would have declined only 9.5 percent were it not for the home stores.

"We expected home to improve, obviously, when the new store shops had opened and quite the opposite happened," he said. "We actually have less productivity in the new home stores than we do in the stores that didn't get a home store."

At Home Depot, meanwhile, every department posted positive comparable sales in the quarter, from gardening to maintenance to decor to kitchens.

Both professionals - Home Depot's term for contractors - and consumers seemed to increase spending at the same rate, Tomé said.

"With home prices up, people are starting to view their homes as more of an investment and not an expense," she said.

Some economists have suggested that only middle- and higher-income consumers, and investors buying properties, are experiencing the lift in the housing market, and Tomé said that Home Depot's customers tended to be wealthier by dint of the fact that they are homeowners. She noted that investors, too, were probably spending at Home Depot.

"If you're an investor group, be it a private-equity firm or someone coming in from outside the United States, you're not buying that property to sit on it, you're buying that property to rent it - and you can't rent it if it's not in good shape,"



Shoppers and sales representatives walk through the aisles at the Home Depot store in Williston, Vt. Home Depot's second-quarter net income jumped 18 percent as surging home sales drove comparable-store sales up by double digits at home and abroad, according to reports Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013.

(AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

she said.

To that point, Home Depot's installation business grew in the double digits in the quarter, she said; while that was not all investors, "the blanket comment that these investor groups wouldn't spend money at Home Depot isn't true." She said that one indicator - the number of items bought per visit - also increased, which suggested confidence.

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London:

Guardian newspaper details confrontation with UK spies



A display fronts the offices of the Guardian and its sister paper, The Observer, on Monday night, Aug. 19, 2013. The Guardian's editor, Alan Rusbridger, said that British agents oversaw the destruction of an unspecified number of his newspaper's hard drives in an apparent bid to keep the fruit of Edward Snowden's leaks safe from Chinese spies.

RAPHAEL SATTER
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A British newspaper released new details of its confrontation with the country's intelligence service on Tuesday, saying it destroyed hard drives containing material leaked by Edward Snowden in order to insulate the former American intelligence worker from potential prosecution and to keep reporting on his

leaks.

The Guardian said senior staffers shattered the electronics using angle grinders and drills in mid-July in a bid to avoid legal action or even a police raid that could halt its reporting or provide evidence for U.S. officials seeking to put Snowden behind bars.

"I didn't want to get in that position," editor Alan Rusbridger said in a video interview posted to the

(AP Photo/Raphael Satter)

Guardian's website. "Once it was obvious that they would be going to law, I would rather destroy the copy than hand it back to them or allow the courts to freeze our reporting."

He said the paper has other copies of the same material located elsewhere. Rusbridger spoke as disquiet continued to grow over the detention of Guardian journalist Gleen Greenwald's partner, Da-

vid Miranda, whose was held for nine hours at London's Heathrow Airport on Sunday as he was ferrying material related to the Snowden story between filmmaker Laura Poitras in Germany and Brazil, where Greenwald is based.

Snowden's leaks have served as the jumping off point for a series of stories about America's globe-spanning surveillance program, including revelations that U.S. spies reach deep inside private companies to keep track of tens of millions' of innocent Americans' phone and Internet conversations with limited independent oversight. The stories have emboldened privacy activists and embarrassed President Barack Obama, who recently unveiled a slate of intelligence reforms intended to calm public concerns.

Legal commentators have questioned the legality of Miranda's detention, which civil liberties group have decried as an abuse of power aimed at sabotaging Greenwald's coverage.

The British government has declined to comment on the shattered hard drives, but it defended its decision to detain Miranda, saying it was right to stop anyone suspected of possessing "highly sensitive stolen information that would help terrorism."

A law firm representing Miranda had begun legal action against the government, calling his detention unlawful and seeking assurances that British officials would not share the material seized from Miranda with anyone else. In a letter released to The

Associated Press, London-based Bindmans called on the government to return a "mobile phone, laptop, memory sticks, smart-watch, DVDs and games consoles" taken from Miranda.

"These items contain sensitive, confidential journalistic material and should not have been seized."

Experts have suggested the government's case is dicey.

The piece of legislation used to stop Miranda — Schedule 7 of the 2000 Terrorism Act — is especially contentious because it allows police to stop people for passing through airports for up to nine hours without suspicion they have committed an offense.

British legal blogger David Allen Green said Schedule 7 could only be used to determine whether or not a person was a terrorist — and not, as he put it, "a fishing expedition for property."

"If the questioning, detention, and search of Miranda was for a purpose other than to determine if he was a terrorist, then it was unlawful," he said.

David Lowe, a former police officer and academic at Liverpool John Moores University, said in a telephone interview that he believed the government was acting in good faith, although he said he could understand why journalists might be concerned.

He argued that the Snowden leaks could contain details of intelligence operations against groups such as al-Qaida, which he said was where anti-terror laws could come into play. "It's a thin connection," he acknowledged. □

Germany: 3 dead, 5 wounded in shooting

BERLIN (AP) — A gunman opened fire on a meeting in a village in south Germany on Tuesday, killing two people and wounding five before taking his own life, police said.

A police statement said the assailant had been attending an evening meeting of a property owners' association in a restaurant in Dossenheim, a village near Heidelberg, about 273 miles

(440 kilometers) southwest of Berlin.

Heated words were exchanged and the man stormed out but returned later with a weapon and opened fire on the meeting before turning the weapon on himself, the statement said.

The five wounded were rushed to the hospital, where one was reported in serious condition. None of

the dead or injured were identified.

Police spokesman Tobias Keilbach said it was unclear exactly what prompted the shooting and "the precise sequence of events is unclear."

Those who attended the meeting but were not injured were so badly shaken that police have been unable to question them, he said. □



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Turkey: Israel is behind Egyptian leader's ouster

SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's prime minister on Tuesday accused Israel of being behind the ouster of Egypt's Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, offering as the only evidence for his claim a statement by a Jewish French intellectual during a meeting with an Israeli official.

The Egyptian Cabinet rejected Recep Tayyip Erdogan's statement as baseless and "bewildering," saying its patience was running low with Turkey, one of the biggest critics of the July 3 military coup. Israel said the claim wasn't worth comment.

In Washington, White House spokesman Josh Earnest called Erdogan's accusation offensive, unsubstantiated and wrong. In his nationally televised speech, Erdogan also took a swipe at Muslim nations, accusing them of betraying Egypt by supporting the country's military-backed new leaders.

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Syrian Kurds battle al-Qaida amid exodus

RYAN LUCAS
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Kurdish militias battled al-Qaida-linked rebel groups in northeastern Syria on Tuesday in the latest round of heavy fighting that has helped fuel a mass exodus of civilians from the region into neighboring Iraq, activists said. Clashes between Kurdish fighters and Islamic extremist rebel groups have sharply escalated in Syria's northern provinces in recent months. The violence, which has left hundreds dead, holds the potential to explode into a full-blown side conflict within Syria's broader civil war.

Tuesday's fighting, which pitted Kurdish militiamen against rebels from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, was focused in three villages near the town of Ras al-Ayn in the predominantly Kurdish Hassakeh province, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human

Rights monitoring group. There was no immediate word on casualties. Around 30,000 Syrians, the vast majority of them

spokesman for the UNHCR in Iraqi Kurdistan. The new arrivals join some 1.9 million Syrians who already have found refuge abroad from

describing hometowns where food, water and electricity have become scarce amid the combat. Among them was Ali Balash, a Kurd from Hassakeh province who walked some five kilometers to cross the border with his 18-member family. "War is rattling our areas, we were so scared to stay," said Balash, a day laborer dressed in traditional Kurdish baggy pants and a scarf tucked into his belt. A father of four children aged between 6 and 9, Balash's face was pale as he reached the Iraqi territories. "We couldn't go anywhere, we had no bread, no work and no stability," he added. Riding a mule into the area, a 65-year-old woman who identified herself only by her nickname, Um Abdullah, for security reasons, said she had made the journey with her sisters and children but left her husband behind to guard their house in Hassakeh. □



Syrian refugees cross into Iraq at the Peshkhabour border point in Dahuk, 260 miles (430 kilometers) northwest of Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013.

(AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

Kurds, have fled the region over a five-day stretch and crossed the border to the self-ruled Kurdish region of northern Iraq. Another 4,000 made the trek across the frontier Tuesday, said Youssef Mahmoud, a

the country's relentless carnage. With belongings loaded onto mules, thousands of Syrian refugees continued to flow into northern Iraq through the border town of Peshkabour Tuesday, some

Three killed in central China bus stabbings

BEIJING (AP) — A knife-wielding man killed three people and wounded 12 aboard a bus in the country's latest rampage attack, local authorities said Tuesday. Official statements posted online said that Zhou Jiangbo, 24, was captured Tuesday and in police custody as

the suspected assailant in Monday's attack in the city of Anyang in central China's Henan province. Those killed were an infant and two boys, although it wasn't known whether the assailant had deliberately targeted young people, Anyang police said in a statement on their website.

State-run China Central Television said Zhou was involved in a neighborhood dispute but did not provide details. It said Zhou fled his home in Neihuang county Sunday after allegedly injuring three people.

Attackers in some previous incidents have targeted children, either out of re-

venge or blind rage. Observers have blamed attacks on chronic weaknesses in a mental health system that fails to diagnose and treat those who might be a threat. Recent attacks include the stabbing of six government family planning workers last month, two of whom died. □



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Pakistani court indicts Musharraf in Bhutto assassination

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ISLAMABAD - In a sudden erosion of military privilege and impunity, a Pakistani court indicted the former ruler Pervez Musharraf on Tuesday in connection with the 2007 assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto - the first time that such a senior general has faced criminal charges. The court filed three charges against Musharraf, 70, including murder and conspiracy to murder, said a prosecutor, Chaudhry Muhammed Azhar. He spoke after the court's brief hearing in the garrison city of Rawalpindi. Reporters were excluded from the hearing. Musharraf, who had previously claimed the case against him was polit-

ically motivated, pleaded not guilty, his lawyers said. Afterward, police commandos and paramilitary rangers escorted him back to his villa on the edge of the capital, Islamabad, where he has been under house arrest since April in connection with other cases stemming from his rule, from 1999 to 2008.

Musharraf did not speak to reporters as he left the hearing, surrounded by a phalanx of security guards. His spokesman, Reza Bokhari, later called the charges "false, fabricated and fictitious" and said they represented "an undignified attempt to smear the honor and integrity of the former president."

Musharraf's indictment spurred skepticism among some Pakistanis, who saw

it as a moment of political revenge and misleading clarity in a case still clouded by confusion, obfuscation and the mysterious deaths of potential witnesses and prosecutors

Siegel, a Washington lobbyist and friend of Bhutto, who said that Musharraf made a threatening phone call to her before she returned to Pakistan in October 2007.

cy; a military intelligence chief; a rival politician; and Musharraf, who was then president and army chief. Two months later, Bhutto was killed during a gun and bomb attack as she



Benazir Bhutto, former Prime Minister of Pakistan, during an interview in New York, Aug. 13, 2007. In a sudden erosion of military privilege and impunity, a Pakistani court indicted the former military ruler Pervez Musharraf on Tuesday Aug. 20, 2013, in connection with the 2007 assassination of Bhutto.

(Ruth Fremson/ The New York Times)

over the years. Indeed, prosecutors have publicly disclosed little detail about how Musharraf might be linked to Bhutto's death. The new charges are believed to rely heavily on a statement by Mark

Siegel said Bhutto had warned him in an email that if she were killed, the blame should fall on four named people - a former director of the Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate, Pakistan's main spy agen-

left a rally in Rawalpindi. The next hearing in the Bhutto case is scheduled for Aug. 27. The presiding judge, Habibur Rehman, accepted Musharraf's request that he not be required to appear. □

9 suspected militants killed in Russia's Dagestan

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP) — Police killed nine suspected militants on Tuesday, including a prominent warlord, in a clash in the restive North Caucasus republic of Dagestan, Russian authorities said. The clash occurred when police stormed a house in the town of Buinaksk, said Andrei Chatsky, a spokesman for the Russian National Antiterrorist Committee. Earlier reports by

Russia's investigative bodies had said that only four militants, and the owner of the house where the clash took place, were killed. The committee said in a statement that the nine fatalities included 50-year-old Bammatkhan Sheikov, a prominent warlord who was said to be competing to oversee all militant operations in Dagestan. Sheikov was sentenced to three years in prison for in-

surgency in 2008, after he turned himself in and laid down arms. The committee said those members of the group slain in Tuesday's raid were responsible for "dozens of murders of peaceful citizens." Dagestan, in the North Caucasus, has become an epicenter of violence, with Islamist rebels targeting police and other officials in near-daily shootings and bombings. □

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Mexico re-jails alleged female cartel operator Beltran

ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Purported drug cartel operator Sandra Avila Beltran, known as the "Queen of the Pacific," was returned to Mexico from the U.S. on Tuesday and quickly taken to prison to face money-laundering charges.

Avila Beltran, known for her good looks and saucy attitude when she was arrested in 2007, looked haggard and had gray streaks in her once-black hair in a photograph published by local media when she was taken off a plane at the Mexico City airport.

She wasn't seen again, and the Attorney General's Office later said in a statement that she had been quickly whisked off to a prison in the Pacific coast

state of Nayarit to await trial on the money-laundering charge.

She was given a quick medical checkup at the airport, where she arrived on a chartered flight that flew in migrants being repatriated to Mexico from El Paso, Texas.

Avila, 52, has been in custody since 2007 when she was charged with conspiracy to traffic drugs and organized crime. A Mexican judge acquitted her of those charges in December 2010, but she remained in custody and was extradited to the U.S. a year ago.

She pleaded guilty in April to being an accessory after the fact in a criminal organization that included Juan Diego Espinosa Ramirez, her boyfriend at the time.

Espinosa pleaded guilty in 2009 to cocaine trafficking charges.

A statement signed by Avila said she provided money to Espinosa for travel

and lodging so he could evade arrest by authorities between 2002 and 2004.

Avila was sentenced to 70 months in prison in U.S. District Court in Miami last

month and released almost immediately for time served in Mexico.

Mexico had used a little-known bilateral agreement that allows prosecutors to suspend local charges, extradite a suspect to the United States for trial, and then reactivate the charges once the suspect returns.

Her lawyer, Jorge Alfonso Espino, said Avila Beltran no longer faces organized crime charges.

The U.S. extradition request had said she belonged to an organization that trafficked cocaine from Colombia to the United States. U.S. prosecutors originally charged that she helped store and move at least 100 kilograms of the drug from Mexico to the United States.

At the time of her earlier arrest, prosecutors said Avila spent more than a decade working her way to the top of Mexico's drug trade, seducing several notorious kingpins and uniting Colombian and Mexican gangs. □



Photo shows Sandra Avila Beltran after she was arrested by federal agents outside a restaurant in Mexico City. A Mexican official says on Aug. 20, 2013 that accused drug trafficker Sandra Avila has returned to Mexico from the U.S. and has been handed over to Mexican authorities.

(AP Photo/PGR)

Colombian rebels urge commission on war's victims

HAVANA (AP) — Colombia's largest guerrilla army called Tuesday for the creation of a truth commission to investigate the victims of the country's protracted armed conflict.

Reading a statement from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, high-ranking rebel Pablo Catatumbo said on the sidelines of peace talks in Havana that such a body should be formed promptly.

"We have proposed to the

gentlemen of the government who are at the negotiating table the immediate formation of a commission made up of national and foreign experts," said Catatumbo, whose birth name is Jorge Torres Victoria.

He also acknowledged the rebels' own responsibility for violence during decades of "national bloodshed."

"Without doubt there has also been cruelty and suffering caused by our ranks," Catatumbo said. "The ene-

my never was nor has been easy. It did not follow rules of combat. It was supported, trained and financed by foreign forces."

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compensation are key issues in the talks. In the past, both sides have accused each other of abuses without recognizing their own roles. □

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For investors, Haiti remains a tough environment

TRENTON DANIEL
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Nickson Toussaint returned to Haiti from Washington, D.C., with dreams of opening a small hotel along the shimmering coast north of the country's capital. He bought 2.6 acres of land for \$70,000 and looked for a loan or investors.

But like other expatriates and people of Haitian descent who glimpsed opportunity in helping rebuild the impoverished country, Toussaint received a rude awakening. A Haitian development group that offers financing to first-time entrepreneurs hasn't given him a loan.

The U.S. citizen also ran into a thicket of red tape and others laying claim to the land. The project has been stalled for almost two years.

"It's been just a gigantic headache," Toussaint said. New businesses have opened throughout Haiti since a January 2010 earthquake devastated much of the country, and the government promises more development is coming. The administration of Haitian President Michel Martelly has made attracting foreign investment a top priority, using the motto "Haiti is open for business." But the experiences of Toussaint, 28, and others demonstrate the struggles that would-be business owners face even as Haiti's government courts businesses.

Nigel Fisher, a former U.N. envoy in Haiti, said in February that the country was not yet "open for business," infuriating Haitian officials. Fisher said a nearly two-year delay in organizing legislative and local elections had created too

much uncertainty for some investors. Martelly has said voting will happen before year's end; if not, he will rule by decree when the terms of 10 Senate seats expire in January. Corruption has been another hurdle. A U.S. State

ency. But administration officials defended the new procurement measures as necessary for speeding up reconstruction projects and basic government operations.

For Toussaint, the snags he's hit reflect a system

Toussaint said he offered the land he bought as collateral, but "I don't think they saw us as significant investors."

Sofihdes spokesman Serge Richard Petit-Frere denied that Toussaint's application was rejected. He said the

he and his 27-year-old son tried to set up an import-export seafood company two summers ago. They left Haiti three months later, \$49,000 lighter and without a business.

Giese said he paid \$12,000 to ship a 40-foot container filled with Styrofoam coolers from Miami to Haiti, including a \$5,000 "handler's fee" to prevent it from being held in customs up to six months.

"They had exhausted our financial resources," said Giese, 54, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. "At almost every juncture you're dealing with corruption, serious corruption."

The government has made some strides to improve life for businesses.

It's launched a Presidential Advisory Board with the support of former U.S. President Bill Clinton and a \$250,000 grant from his foundation. Co-chaired by Clinton, the panel and its 35 members advise Martelly on business issues, while members serve as mini-ambassadors for the country.

A public-private outfit called the Center for the Facilitation of Investments also reports that 33 businesses have either invested or committed to investing \$693 million in Haiti, creating almost 23,000 jobs, since Martelly took office in May 2011. Those projects range from a \$3.4 million hotel at the northern edge of Haiti's central valley to a proposed railway that would connect the different districts making up traffic-mired Port-au-Prince.

"We'd like to see a lot of cranes in the sky and buildings going up," said Georges Andy Rene, CFI's general director, which reports to the Commerce Ministry. □



Denis O'Brien, chairman of Digicel Group, left, Digicel Group CEO Colm Delves, second from left, Haiti's Tourism Minister Stephanie Balmir Villedrouin, second from right, and Arne Sorenson, president and CEO of Marriott International participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a Marriott hotel in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. For Nickson Toussaint, who returned to Haiti from Washington, D.C. with dreams of opening a small hotel along the coast north of the country's capital, the snags he's hit reflect a system that favors big, multinational companies such as Marriott International or Best Western.
(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

Department human rights report said Haitian law "provides criminal penalties for official corruption; however, in practice corruption was widespread and endemic."

The same study noted that in 2012 Martelly issued a decree allowing officials to "procure goods and services below a specified value through sole-source and closed bidding processes, as well as no-bid contracts." The World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank said the new law would discourage government accountability and transpar-

that favors big, multinational companies such as Marriott International, which recently opened a hotel in the country, or Best Western, which has one in the works.

He failed to secure his \$248,000 loan, with an interest rate of 10 to 12 percent, from Sofihdes, a Haitian development finance institution that the U.S. Agency for International Development helped create in 1983. The lender is among several in Haiti that award loans to startups with fewer than 100 employees and less than \$1.25 million in assets.

letter described the loan as "postponed" and cited problems with Toussaint's business model and "lack of relevant experience."

"The door is still open," said Petit-Frere. However, Sofihdes was among several Haitian lenders criticized in a USAID audit this year for not adequately awarding loans to first-time borrowers or small businesses in the countryside. Sofihdes calls itself a "success story" given its 30-plus years in Haiti in "such a difficult financial subsector."

Entrepreneur Steven Giese said he was ensnared in the country's red tape when



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Cherie and Michael tie the knot in Aruba!



PALM BEACH - On Monday August 12th Cherie Marie Kacprowicz and Michael F. Bavosa Jr. from New Jersey got married at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, after having been apart for more than a decade. The couple met each other fifteen years ago while in Emergency

Medical Technician class together but parted ways to pursue their professional goals. Once reconnected however, the sparks ignited. Accompanied by thirty guests, the couple vowed their eternal love to each other under a tropical bamboo arch on the beautiful Aruban beach at sun-



set. The bride's family has been vacationing in Aruba for over twenty years ago and the newlyweds got engaged at the Lighthouse in 2012. They plan on returning to Aruba to celebrate their anniversary annually with their own family. The bride wore a strapless ivory Pronovias Barcelona gown of royal satin and carried a hand-tied bouquet of fuchsia roses. The groom wore a tan suit with coordinating turquoise necktie and fuchsia boutonniere.

The couple would like to thank the Aruba Marriott Event Manager Simone Silooy, Owner-Director of Letz Aruba Arlette Oduber and Reverend Geoffrey Banfield.: "Thank you for making our day special and memorable. You were all proficient, and amazingly personable. You have made us feel as if our day was as important to all of you as it was to us. We feel truly blessed to have so many wonderful people involved with our wedding!" Cherie and Michael want

to send a special thanks to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kacprowicz, "Mom and Dad" for all that they did, Aunt Kim and Uncle Kris for hosting the Bridal Shower, all of her sisters and their families for assisting them in preparing for their wedding and Nick Bavosa for his support and taking additional photographs as well as his wife, Janine for styling the bride's hair. Thank you to Susan Wagner of Design Studio in Pt. Pleasant Beach, New Jersey for the beautiful, wedding dress. □

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Obama and '72 Dolphins, a salute after 40 years

By JIM KUHNHENN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Some were gray-headed, others a bit stooped, at least one carried a cane. But despite age, there were still hints of the large frames that had once donned football pads and exploded countless times from lines of scrimmage during an unforgettable season. Nearly three dozen members of the 1972 Miami Dolphins finally received their White House moment Tuesday, 40 years after they made history by winning 17 games and losing none - an undefeated achievement that no NFL team has ever matched.

President Barack Obama welcomed the former players to the East Room, a periodic occurrence at the White House these days for current sports champions. Four decades ago, however, saluting athletes was not an established tradition. And the Watergate scandal was preoccupying President Richard Nixon back then anyway. So the men of that historic Dolphins team had not received their due.

"I know that some people may be asking why we are doing this after all these years," Obama



Former Miami Dolphins football quarterback Bob Griese, left, and Hall of Fame Dolphins Coach Don Shula, second from right, and Larry Csonka, right, pose for photographs with a signed team jersey during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, where the president honored the Super Bowl VII football Champion Miami Dolphins. The 1972 Miami Dolphins remain the only undefeated team in NFL history.

Associated Press

deadpanned. "My answer is simple: I wanted to be the young guy up here for once."

The faces were still recognizable: Hall of Famers Larry Csonka, the team's star fullback; quarterback Bob Griese; offensive lineman Larry Little; linebacker Nick Buoniconti; and of course their leader, coach Don Shula.

"Some of them are a little harder to recognize these days," Obama said. "They don't have the Afros, the mutton chops, the Fu Man-chus." Obama, an avid sports fan and regular ESPN watcher, made clear to the Dolphins and his audience that as a Chicagoan, his football team is the Bears. "We understand," Shula

said. "You have to root for someone."

Obama noted that two years ago he recognized the 1985 Bears on the White House South Lawn. The team had not received the usual White House reception in 1986, a decision attributed to the space shuttle Challenger disaster, which occurred two days

after the Bears beat the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl.

"That day I called them the greatest team ever. But, I mean, take it with a grain of salt," the president added sheepishly with the Dolphins clustered behind him. "The Bears lost once in their nearly perfect season." Then he paused for effect. "It happened to be to the Dolphins."

Obama praised their post football careers, noting that members of the team included a minister, a mayor, a doctor, a state senator, a high school counselor and a number of successful businessmen. He singled out Buoniconti for helping found a leading spinal cord research center, the result of an injury sustained by his son on the football field. Shula and the players gave Obama a Dolphins' jersey with No. 72 on it. It didn't bear his name; instead it simply said "Unde-feated." At least three players, including Hall of Fame center Jim Langer, did not make the trip to the White House, citing political differences with Obama. Little and Griese, speaking to reporters afterward, said they regretted that those former teammates missed the ceremony. □

Djokovic No. 1 man at U.S. Open; Federer seeded 7th

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Federer is seeded No. 7 for the U.S. Open, his first slot outside the top three at any Grand Slam tournament in a decade. Federer's ranking dropped two slots to seventh Monday, and the U.S. Tennis Association's seedings followed the ATP standings. Federer's record 17 Grand Slam titles include five at the U.S. Open. He's among five former champions in the men's field, includ-



ing No. 1-seeded Novak Djokovic, No. 2 Rafael Nadal, and No. 3 Andy Murray, who won the 2012 title. Federer was seeded No. 1 at 18 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments from 2004-08. He hadn't been

Novak Djokovic, from Serbia, runs down a ball against John Isner during a quarter-final match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, in Mason, Ohio.

Associated Press

seeded outside the top three at the U.S. Open since he was 13th in 2002. The last time he was seeded fourth or worse at any major tournament was when he was No. 4 at Wimbledon in 2003 — when he went on to win his first Grand Slam title.

The U.S. Open women's seedings will be announced Tuesday; the draw is scheduled for Thursday. Play at the year's last major tournament starts next week. □

Broncos' Von Miller to serve 6-game suspension

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)

-- Broncos linebacker Von Miller will serve a six-game suspension under the NFL's substance-abuse policy, a violation the linebacker said did not result from a positive test.

The league wanted a longer penalty for the third-year linebacker, but the sides agreed to less than half the season, a person familiar with the negotiations between the linebacker and the NFL told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Tuesday because details about the negotiations were not public.

According to the NFL, Miller is eligible to play and practice through the last two preseason games. His suspension, without pay, will begin Aug. 31. He can return to the team Oct.

14, the day after Denver's home game against Jacksonville, and will be eligible for an Oct. 20 contest at the Indianapolis Colts.

After being notified of the decision, Miller released a statement saying "although my suspension doesn't result from a positive test, there is no excuse for my violations of the rules."

"I made mistakes and my suspension has hurt my team, Broncos fans, and myself," he said. "I am especially sorry for the effect of my bad decisions on others. I will not make the same mistakes about adhering to the policy in the future. During my time off the field, I will work tirelessly and focus exclusively on remaining in peak shape. I look forward to contributing immediately upon my return to the field and bringing a championship back to the people of Denver."

The NFL has two drug policies - one that covers use of performance-enhancing substances and the "Policy and Program for Substances of Abuse" that applied to Miller's case.

The Broncos had been operating throughout the pre-season as if Miller would be with them for their regular-season opener Sept. 5.

Now, a team with Super Bowl aspirations must scramble to replace its best player on defense, the second pick of the 2011 draft, who was the NFL's 2011 Defensive Rookie of the Year and runner-up last season for the league's Defensive Player of the Year.

Likely to take his spot at the rush linebacker position is Shaun Phillips, a 10-year veteran the Broncos signed in free agency during the offseason.

"Replacing him on the field will not be easy, but every team must deal with adver-

sity," coach John Fox said in a statement. "We will plan accordingly and be prepared. I am confident our team will step up and meet the challenge."

Miller, meanwhile, has a number of issues pending before his return.

Among them, staying in playing shape while not being allowed to practice with the team.

He also must clear up his recent arrest for failing to appear in court for traffic violations. News of the arrest came as Miller was deep in negotiations with the league and the union about his case, about which he repeatedly insisted he had "done nothing wrong."

Then, there's the issue of keeping the trust of his teammates, who have steadfastly backed him during a summer filled with turmoil.

"Has not changed," Pey-



In this July 27, 2013, file photo, Denver Broncos linebacker Von Miller reacts as he sits on his helmet during NFL football training camp in Englewood, Colo.

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ton Manning said Tuesday, before word of the six-game suspension became official. "There's been a lot of noise and speculation. But Von is one of our teammates. □

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Marlins' Fernandez beats Puig and Dodgers, 6-2

The Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Jose Fernandez got the better of Yasiel Puig and led the Miami Marlins over the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-2 Monday night.

Fernandez (9-5) allowed only one earned run in six innings, handing the NL West-leading Dodgers consecutive losses for the first time since June 20-21. Puig went 0 for 3 against Fernandez in the first matchup between the Cubans, both NL Rookie of the Year contenders. Giancarlo Stanton hit his 15th homer for Miami. Hyun-Jin Ryu (12-4), another

standout rookie, gave up three runs in 7 1-3 innings and lost for the first time in eight starts.

CARDINALS 8, BREWERS 5 MILWAUKEE (AP) — Matt Carpenter hit an RBI single with two outs in the eighth inning, putting the St. Louis Cardinals ahead during a four-run rally against Milwaukee.

The Cardinals got seven of their 16 hits in the big inning, capped by pinch-hitter David Freese's two-run double. St. Louis won for the ninth time in 11 games. Carlos Beltran and Jon Jay homered for St. Louis and Yadier Molina had four hits.



Miami Marlins starting pitcher Jose Fernandez (16) throws in the first inning during a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Monday, Aug. 19, 2013, in Miami.

Associated Press

Michael Wacha (2-0) got the win. Edward Mujica, unavailable during the weekend because of a tired arm, pitched the

ninth for his 32nd save in 34 chances.

Brandon Kintzler (3-1) gave up four runs and six hits while getting just two outs. **REDS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 3 CINCINNATI (AP)** — Ryan Ludwick drove in his first run of the season with a double as the Cincinnati Reds kept up their August surge, beating Arizona for their seventh win in nine games. Arizona now trails Cincinnati by six games for the final NL wild-card spot.

Bronson Arroyo (12-9) won his third straight start. J.J. Hoover retired the side in the eighth, his 23rd straight scoreless appearance — the longest active streak in majors.

Aroldis Chapman gave up a pair of singles in the ninth while getting his 31st save in 36 chances.

Ludwick got his long-awaited RBI during a three-run fourth inning against Randall Delgado (4-4). Ludwick tore cartilage in his right shoulder while sliding headfirst on opening day.

PHILLIES 5, ROCKIES 4 PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John

Mayberry Jr. and Carlos Ruiz each homered to lead Philadelphia past Colorado, giving the Phillies and interim manager Ryne Sandberg two straight wins for the first time since the All-Star break.

Ethan Martin (2-2) tossed two-hit ball and struck out six over 6 1-3 innings for the win. Jonathan Papelbon tossed a scoreless ninth for his first 21st save, and first since July 11.

Troy Tulowitzki hit a solo shot for the Rockies. Jeff ManSHIP (0-3) allowed five runs in five innings.

CUBS 11, NATIONALS 1 CHICAGO (AP) — Nate Schierholtz homered twice and drove in a career-high six runs, powering Jeff Samardzija and the Chicago Cubs past Washington.

Schierholtz connected for a three-run shot in the first and a two-run drive in the seventh in his fourth career multihomer game. He also had an RBI double in the third in Chicago's highest-scoring game since a 14-6 victory over Houston on June 23. □

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All nine Rangers scored in the third, when they sent 15 batters to the plate and had seven hits — six singles and a double — along with three walks, two Houston errors and a sacrifice bunt. Only five of the 11 runs were earned.

Matt Garza (3-1) struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings. But the right-hander allowed five runs, becoming the first Texas starter in 22 games to allow more than four.

Lucas Harrell (6-14), getting another start after four consecutive relief appearances, allowed nine runs (seven earned) in 2 1-3 innings. He was initially sent to the bullpen after also giving up nine runs in 3 2-3 innings at Texas in a 10-5 loss July 5.



Tampa Bay Rays Evan Longoria is congratulated by Will Myers after hitting a solo home run against the Baltimore Orioles in the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 19, 2013 in Baltimore.

Associated Press

ATHLETICS 2, MARINERS 1 OAKLAND, California (AP) — Brandon Moss hit a solo home run over the center-field fence with one out in the ninth inning, lifting the Athletics over the Mariners. Jarrod Parker (9-6) pitched

his first career complete game, allowing eight hits. He struck out eight, did not walk a batter and threw 100 pitches.

Josh Donaldson drove in a run for the A's, who have won four of five. □

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Dempster suspended 5 games for hitting A-Rod

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Ryan Dempster of the Boston Red Sox was suspended for five games and fined by Major League Baseball for intentionally hitting Yankees star Alex Rodriguez with a pitch last weekend. The penalty was announced Tuesday by MLB senior vice president Joe Garagiola Jr., two days after Dempster hit A-Rod in the second inning at Fenway Park. Garagiola also fined Yankees manager Joe Girardi for arguing with plate umpire Brian O'Nora on Sunday night.

Dempster's fine was \$2,500 and Girardi's was \$5,000, separate people familiar with the discipline told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the amounts were not announced.

Dempster could still play if he appeals the penalty. Boston has off days Thursday and Monday, allowing him to serve the suspension while getting pushed back only a couple days in the Red Sox rotation.

Dempster threw one pitch behind A-Rod's knees and two more inside in the second inning. Then his 3-0 pitch struck Rodriguez's left elbow pad and ricocheted off his back.

Girardi sprinted onto the field, screaming at plate umpire Brian O'Nora for not ejecting the pitcher. Girardi was tossed as the benches and bullpens emptied, and Rodriguez homered off Dempster to spark a sixth-inning rally that lifted New York to a 9-6 win.

Dempster maintained he was just pitching inside and wasn't trying to hit Rodriguez.

Earlier Tuesday, Girardi in-



Boston Red Sox's Ryan Dempster leaves the baseball game in the sixth inning against the New York Yankees, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, in Boston.

Associated Press

sisted it would be "open season" on Rodriguez if MLB failed to suspend Dempster.

"That baseball is a weapon. It's not a tennis ball. ... It's a weapon, and it can do a lot of damage to someone's life," Girardi said before a doubleheader against Toronto. "And that's why I was so upset about it. You can express your opinion and be upset with someone, but you just can't start throwing baseballs at people. I mean, it's scary."

Girardi said his profane rant at O'Nora probably was the angriest he's been on a ballfield.

Rodriguez was suspended for 211 games on Aug. 5 for violating baseball's drug and labor agreements but is playing while he appeals. Red Sox pitcher John Lackey criticized the rules last week for allowing A-Rod to play.

Girardi said if Dempster

wasn't punished, it would make Rodriguez "open season for people, and that can't happen. It's not

fair. If a player is suspended for throwing at someone, they're going to get their appeal. Are we just going

to throw that out, too?"

New York didn't retaliate Sunday.

Girardi wouldn't say whether there is a need to respond when the teams next meet, at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 5.

Girardi said "protecting your own" in baseball has gone on for "for a long time. And unfortunately you're part of those situations sometimes, but that's part of the game."

The manager also discussed the matter with his 6-year-old son, Dante.

"Part of pitching is pitching inside, that's all part of it," he recalled saying. "But I don't ever want you to hit anyone on purpose."

After Sunday's game, Rodriguez declined to say whether Dempster should be suspended.

"I'm the wrong guy to be asking about suspensions. Holy mackerel," A-Rod said with a laugh. "I've got an attorney I can recommend."

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Longoria, Joyce hit HRs as Rays beat Orioles 4-3

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Evan Longoria and Matt Joyce homered and David Price grinded through five challenging innings to win his fourth straight decision as the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-3 Monday night in a duel between AL contenders.

Joyce hit a two-run drive in the fourth to break a tie and push the Rays toward their fifth win in six games. Tampa Bay moved within a half-game of the first-

place Red Sox in the AL East, pending Boston's late game in San Francisco.

Price (7-5) gave up 10 hits and two walks but was effective when it counted. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner allowed only two runs, as Baltimore went 2 for 11 with runners in scoring position and stranded 10 against the left-hander. Fernando Rodney, the fourth Tampa Bay reliever, worked the ninth for his 28th save.

Baltimore starter Chris Till-

man (14-4) gave up four runs and five hits in six innings.

RANGERS 16, ASTROS 5
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Leonys Martin and Elvis Andrus each scored three runs for Texas, including twice each in an 11-run inning that was the biggest in the majors this season, as the Rangers beat the Astros.

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Tired of being tired?

By: Dr Carlos Viana

Do you feel tired all the time even when you think you get enough sleep? If you find yourself getting winded or short of breath for little or no reason, if people tell you that you look pale, if you have developed palpitations or a racing heart you could have a metabolic imbalance. Your metabolic process or metabolism is the process by which the food we eat is broken down into useful substances and energy that our body needs to live. This is how we maintain a healthy body. My protocol, Biocompatible Medicine, specializes in identifying and correcting metabolic problems.

Chronic stress, physical, mental or emotional can cause many of the symptoms mentioned above. Another reason could be related to an improperly working thyroid. Thyroid imbalances might also include sudden weight gain or loss and problems with memory. It is thought that one-fifth of all chronic depression cases may be due to an underactive thyroid. Panic attacks, nervousness and irritability can be symptoms of an over active thyroid, as well as weak muscles, soft nails and hair loss.

The thyroid, which produces hormones, is responsible for controlling healthy body temperature and producing energy. When an underactive thyroid does not send out enough hormones, our bodies do

not have enough energy to function fully. An overactive thyroid gives us too many hormones, causing stress-related symptoms. Unfortunately, a general thyroid test might not be sufficient to diagnose specific thyroid problems. A detailed, thyroid blood test can usually detect hidden problems. However, for some people comprehensive hormone testing including saliva rather than only blood can check hormone status including the thyroid even further.

A routine thyroid check should be done every few years as a part of a health wellness exam. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, have your thyroid tested in detail. If the symptoms are determined to be thyroid related, dietary changes including supplements like kelp, which is rich in iodine could restore the balance to your life. Don't try to "fix" your thyroid with table salt that has iodine in it. Ordinary table salt is not healthy for anyone. If you like salt, try natural sea salt which does not raise blood pressure and contains healthy trace minerals from the sea.

Anemia is another condition that causes fatigue. Like the underactive thyroid, low levels of B vitamin's which include B1, B2, B3 (niacin), B5, B6, B12, B9 (folic acid) and iron can cause lack of energy, weight gain and depression. Vitamin B is the body's conductor of energy, as is

the thyroid, and metabolizes the foods we eat into energy. Vitamin B12 maintains and repairs blood cells as well as carries oxygen through the blood to the body. Folic acid helps produce and repair DNA and it is essential in the growth of red blood cells.

Our clinic checks blood test results for the levels of vitamin B12 and Folic Acid to help diagnose the cause of anemia or neuropathy (nerve damage). Most people and many doctors think to treat anemia, you must supplement with iron. However, of the 400 different anemia's, only one is produced by a deficiency in iron. Iron pills usually do not improve anemia.

There are several common types of anemia that are caused by B-complex vitamin deficiency. A deficiency in either B12 or folate can lead to macrocytic anemia where the red blood cells are very large. Microcytic anemia, is when the red blood cells are too small, this is caused by a deficiency of B-complex and Folic Acid. When supplementing with B vitamins, it is important to supplement with the whole B "family" B complex vitamins usually come as B50, B100 (stronger) or in liquid form. B12, found mainly in red meats, is lacking in vegetarian diets and people who follow the blood type diet for group A and AB. B12 tablets do not absorb properly through the



stomach. B12 is best given by a doctor through injection or sub-lingual as a nugget or liquid under the tongue. Make sure you are taking a full B complex with your B-12 vitamins.

Get The Point! You could be burning the candle at both ends. Not getting enough sleep is easy when we continue to meet our job responsibilities and we want to enjoy all the Carnival festivities. Getting run down can be helped with vitamins and nutritional elements working together to provide the raw material to produce lots of energy. Not working and partying? Then we have a metabolic problem that can be identified and corrected. Stop feeling tired! Come in so we can correct that metabolic imbalance. CARLOS VIANA, Ph. D. is an Oriental Medical Doctor (O.M.D.) having studied in Shanghai, China; a Board Cert. Clinical Nutritionist

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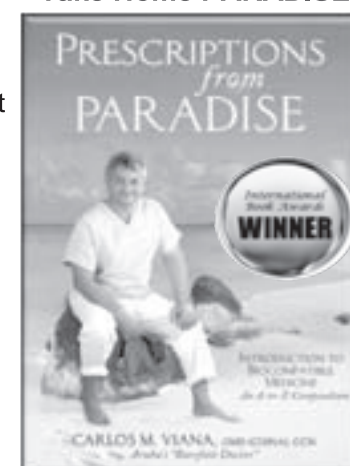
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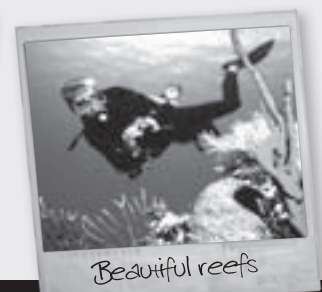
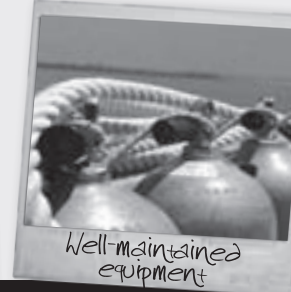


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Sony's PlayStation 4 to launch on Nov. 15

NEW YORK (AP) — Sony says it will launch its latest video game console, the PlayStation 4, on Nov. 15 in the U.S. and Canada.

Sony Corp. said Tuesday that the gaming system will launch in Australia and European countries including Austria, Germany, Sweden and the U.K. on Nov. 29. The PS4 will also go on sale that day in 10 Latin American countries, including Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

The PS4 will cost \$399. Microsoft Corp.'s rival Xbox One will cost \$499. Microsoft has not announced an exact launch date.

The two consoles will be the first major gaming systems since Nintendo's Wii U went on sale last November. □

LinkedIn to open service to high school students

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - LinkedIn Corp. will soon open up its online professional networking service to high school students as part of an effort to help steer their collegiate careers. Effective Sept. 12, the new minimum age to create a LinkedIn account will range from 13 years old to 16 years old in most countries where LinkedIn operates.

LinkedIn is lowering its age requirements so high school students can tap into a new feature, called "University Pages," designed to help them learn more about colleges around the world and connect undergraduates with alumni. About 200 universities have already set up pages on LinkedIn, and the company said thousands of more schools will be given access to the new feature during the next few weeks.

By lowering its age requirements, LinkedIn will open up new growth opportunities that could help the company widen its usage and bring in more revenue. It doesn't cost money to set up a LinkedIn profile, but the Mountain View, Calif., company charges fees to gain additional access and insights into its membership. Linked also sells advertising space that becomes more valuable as its audience grows.

LinkedIn ended June with 238 million members, more than double from when the company went public in May 2011. The robust growth has helped LinkedIn consistently deliver earnings that exceed analysts' projections, to the delight of investors. The company's stock gained \$5.15, or 2.3 percent, during Monday's afternoon trading to \$232.16 - more than five times its initial public offering price of \$45.

The changes announced Monday set 14 as LinkedIn's minimum membership age in Australia, the U.S., Canada, Germany, South Korea and Spain. Students living in the Netherlands must be 16 years old to join LinkedIn. □

Netflix of video games:

Twitch coming to PS4

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Twitch is another step closer to becoming the Netflix of the video game world.

The popular video game footage streaming service will be available on Sony's next-generation PlayStation 4 when it's released Nov. 15 in the U.S. and Canada.

By tapping the new "share" button on the PS4 controller, users will be able to broadcast gameplay directly to Twitch. Microsoft announced similar Twitch integration earlier this year for its upcoming Xbox One. "We've been clear with all our partners that we love gaming and the gaming industry, and we think our reason for being as a company is to be the ubiquitous platform," said Emmett Shear, co-founder and CEO of Twitch.

"For us, it was really important to be able to work with every platform because Twitch is something that every gamer should have access to."

Twitch, originally part of the streaming video site Justin.tv, was spun off in 2011 and has become one of the most popular ways for gamers to share footage online. Currently, more than 600,000 broadcasters — ranging from everyday "Minecraft" builders to professional "League of Legends" players — are watched by more than 38 million viewers a month.

Over the past two years, Twitch has transformed into an ESPN for video games. The site's live and recorded broadcasts include comically narrated clips of



In this June 10, 2013 file photo, Sony Computer Entertainment president and CEO Andrew House introduces the new PlayStation 4 at the Sony PlayStation E3 media briefing in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

game footage, streamed matches from seasoned e-sports veterans and so-called "speed runs" — clips of players plowing through mostly old-school games in record time. There are also commercials. Lots of them. Shear said he expects the number of Twitch broadcasters to grow exponentially with PS4 and Xbox One integration. He also anticipates that game publishers and e-sports organizers will more readily stream content with Twitch because it won't require

any additional technology, such as video capture hardware, because it's all built into next-gen systems. "If you go back to the beginning of video games and look at pictures of people in arcades, most of them aren't actively playing a game," said Shear. "They're standing there watching and waiting their turn, but they're having a good time watching. I think that type of spectating has always been and continues to be a big part of video game culture." □

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Barnes & Noble 1Q loss widens; Riggio ends bid

NEW YORK (AP) — Barnes & Noble's first-quarter net loss more than doubled and the struggling bookseller's former chairman said he's calling off his offer to buy the booksellers' retail business.

The loss was larger than expected and the company's stock fell nearly 12 percent in morning trading.

Barnes & Noble has been dealing with major changes in the book industry. It faces tough competition from discounters such as Amazon and a shift toward electronic readers.

The company has invested heavily in making its own, the Nook e-reader, but said earlier that it would stop making its Nook color touchscreen tablets because they failed to keep up with competitors. It is continuing to sell several iterations of the device.

Barnes & Noble is also reeling from the departure of its CEO William Lynch last month. The company did not name a replacement, but instead said it would review its strategic plan.

On Tuesday, former Chairman Leonard Riggio dealt the company another blow, saying he is ending a bid for the company's bookstores.

"While I reserve the right to pursue an offer in the future, I believe it is in the company's best interests to focus on the business at hand," he said in an SEC filing. He added that the company's top priorities should be serving its 10 million Nook customers and accelerating sales of Nook products in stores and elsewhere. The company's net loss for the three months ended July 27 totaled \$87 million, or \$1.56 per share.

Stocks edge higher after 4 days of declines

KEN SWEET
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Better results from Best Buy and other U.S. retailers helped the stock market close mostly higher Tuesday.

Bond yields, which had been rising sharply for the last several days, pulled back, bringing relief to investors worried about higher interest rates.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended a four-day losing streak, the Dow Jones industrial average, however, ended with a small loss after being up for most of the day. That extended the Dow's string of losses to five, the longest of the year. The Dow was held back by weakness in Home Depot and Johnson & Johnson.

The mostly higher finish failed to shake the market out of a slump it's been in since early August, when investors became discouraged by poor corporate earnings and a sharp increase in interest rates. The Dow has lost 4 percent since hitting an all-time high on Aug. 2 and is headed for its worst month since May 2012.

The S&P 500 index rose 6.29 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,652.35 points and the Nasdaq composite rose 24.50 points, or 0.7 percent, to 3,613.59.

The Dow fell 7.75 points, or 0.05 percent, to 15,002.99. Small-company stocks rose far more than the rest of the market, a sign that investors are more comfortable taking on risk.

The Russell 2000 index jumped 15.32 points, or 1.5 percent, to 1,028.57.

Best Buy and Urban Outfitters rose sharply, leading the retail sector higher.

Best Buy jumped \$4.07, or 13.2 percent, to \$34.80, the biggest gain in the S&P 500. The electronics retailer said

it earned 32 cents per share in the last three months, much better than the 12 cents per share financial analysts expected. Most of the growth came from cutting costs and focusing on online sales.

Urban Outfitters jumped \$3.27, or 8.2 percent, to

Phil Orlando, chief equity market strategist with Federated Investors.

It wasn't all good news in the retail sector, however. Barnes & Noble plunged 12.4 percent after the bookseller's first-quarter loss more than doubled and the company's chair-

set interest rates on many kinds of loans, including mortgages. Investors have worried that a sharp rise in borrowing costs could disrupt the recovery in the U.S. economy.

The Federal Reserve has been buying \$85 billion worth of bonds every



Gregg Maloney, center, a governor with Barclays, trades stock at the New York Stock Exchange. — Better results from Best Buy and other U.S. retailers helped the stock market close mostly higher Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

\$43.19. The Philadelphia-based teen retailer reported a 25 percent surge in second-quarter income as sales rose across nearly all its brands.

The better news from retailers was a respite for investors, who have spent the last week and a half getting disappointing earnings and sales outlooks from some of the nation's largest store chains. Wal-Mart, Macy's, Kohl's and Saks all cut their sales forecasts, raising worries that the American consumer might be cutting back.

"The fact that some of these retailers were giving mixed signals was somewhat disconcerting," said

man called off his offer to buy the company's stores. Excluding one-time items, Barnes & Noble lost 86 cents per share, more than the 81 cents Wall Street analysts had expected. The stock fell \$2.06 to \$14.61.

In the bond market, the source of a lot of investor worries recently, yields declined modestly after nearly two weeks of increases. The yield on the benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.82 percent from 2.88 percent late Monday. It's still up sharply from its low of the year, 1.63 percent, reached in early May.

Bond yields are important because they are used to

month to keep interest rates low and encourage borrowing and hiring. Now that the economy appears to be on the mend, investors expect the Fed to cut back on its purchases as soon as its September policy meeting.

"We're not talking about the Fed pulling the plug on the economy here," Orlando said. "We're talking about the Fed looking to normalize bond yields because the economy is improving."

In commodities trading, the price of crude oil fell \$2.14, or 2 percent, to \$104.96 a barrel. Gold rose \$6.90, or 0.5 percent, to \$1,372.60 an ounce. □

Judge approves Kodak plan to exit bankruptcy

BREE FOWLER

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Kodak doesn't look a whole lot like it did when it filed for bankruptcy protection last year, but its executives and investors are hoping for a picture-perfect future.

Many of its products and services are gone, including the camera-making business that made it famous more than a century ago. Also gone are scores of workers, manufacturing facilities, supply contracts and millions of dollars in investments.

On Tuesday, Judge Allan Gropper approved the company's plan to emerge from court oversight, paving the way for it to recreate itself as a new — and much smaller — company focused on commercial and packaging printing.

Kodak said it hopes to emerge from bankruptcy protection as early as Sept. 3. Founded by George Eastman in 1880, Eastman Kodak Co. is credited with popularizing photography at the start of the 20th century and was known all over the world for its Brownie and Instamatic cameras and its yellow-and-red film boxes. It was first brought down by Japanese competition and then an inability to keep pace with the shift from film to digital technology.

The company filed for bankruptcy reorganization last

year after struggling with increasing competition, continuing growth in digital photography and growing debt. Since its filing, Kodak has sold off many of its businesses and patents, while

shutting down the camera manufacturing unit that first made it famous.

"Kodak is a different company than the one in the popular imagination and very different from the one

that filed for bankruptcy," Kodak attorney Andrew Di-eterich told the court at the start of Tuesday's hearing.

In making his ruling, Gropper noted that his approv-

al of the plan will result in the loss of retirement and health care benefits for many former workers, while many of the company's investors will recoup just pennies on the dollar.

"So at a time of admitted tragedy, let us take a moment to dwell on the future and hope that Kodak will be successful," Gropper said.

Kodak Chairman and CEO Antonio Perez said that with the ruling, the company is now poised to become a leader in the commercial imaging industry, providing services such as commercial printing, packaging and other professional services.

Earlier this year, the company said it would sell its personalized and document-imaging businesses to its U.K. pension plan for \$650 million as part of a deal that settles \$2.8 billion in claims that the retirement fund had sought from the photography pioneer. □



A Kodak factory in Rochester, N.Y. On Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, a federal judge approved Kodak's plan to emerge from bankruptcy protection. The ruling paves the way for the photography pioneer to emerge from court oversight as a new company focused on commercial and packaging printing. The company has said it hopes to emerge from bankruptcy protection on Sept. 3, 2013.

(AP Photo/David Duprey)

Oil drops 2% as Fed policy signal awaited

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of oil fell 2 percent Tuesday, the sharpest decline in two months, as traders waited for the U.S. central bank to signal when it will shift its monetary policy. U.S. benchmark oil for September delivery fell \$2.14 to \$104.96 a barrel on the

New York Mercantile Exchange. Analysts said some of the decline was driven by the expiration of the September contract at the end of trading. The October contract fell \$1.75 to \$105.11 a barrel. Brent North Sea crude, which is used to price imported oil used by many U.S. refineries, rose 25

cents to \$110.15 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London. Upheaval in Egypt, which controls the Suez Canal, and lower oil production in Libya are supporting the price of Brent. Evidence that the U.S. economy is improving has led to speculation that the Fed will begin to reduce its \$85 billion a

month in asset purchases as early as September. The Fed's stimulus policy has lowered interest rates and made oil and other commodities a more attractive investment by offering potentially higher returns. A "tapering" or phasing down of the program could push down oil prices. □

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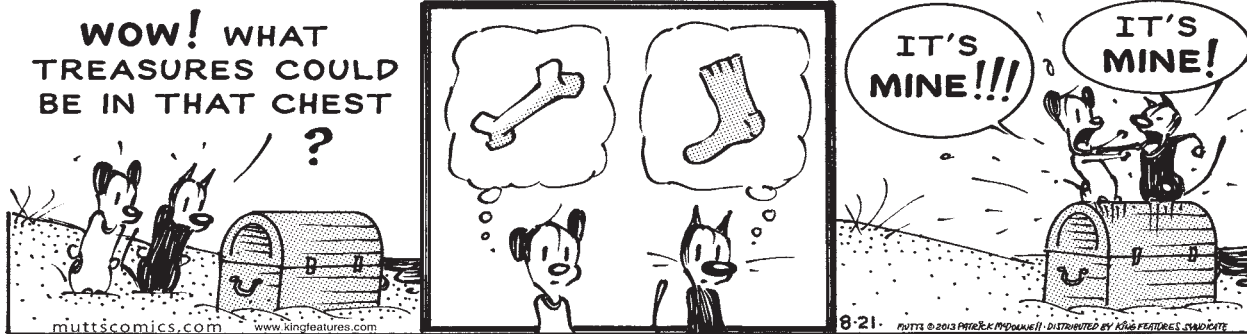
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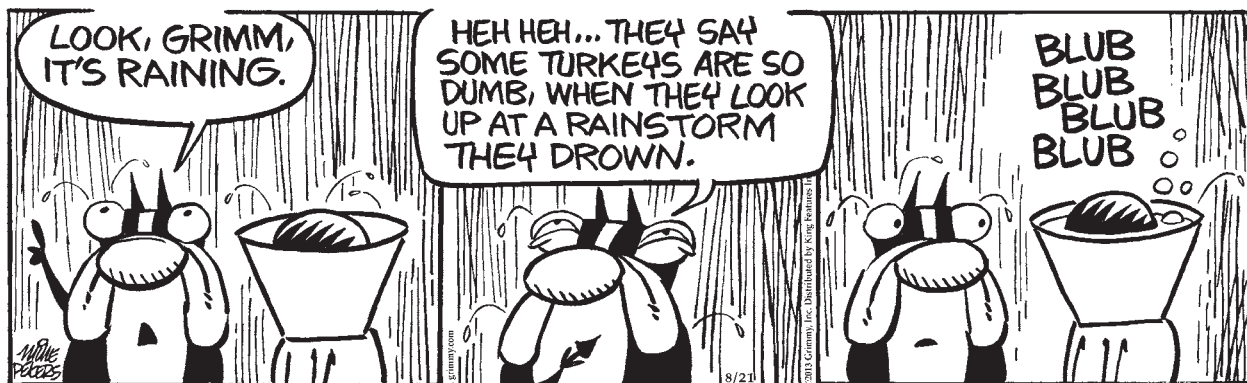
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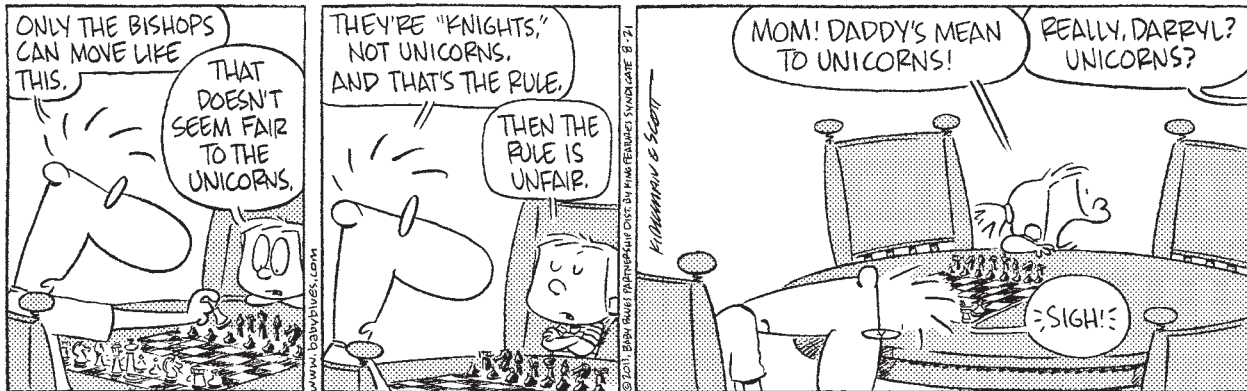
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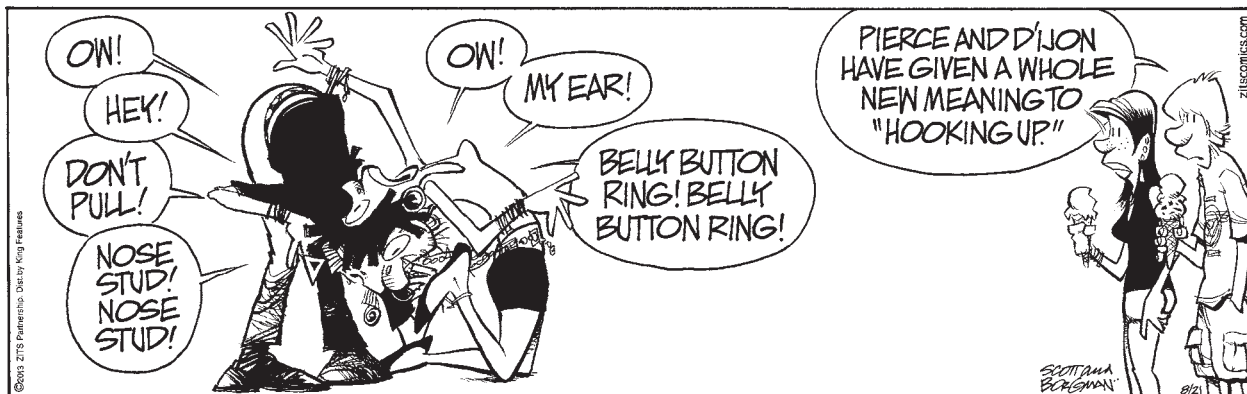
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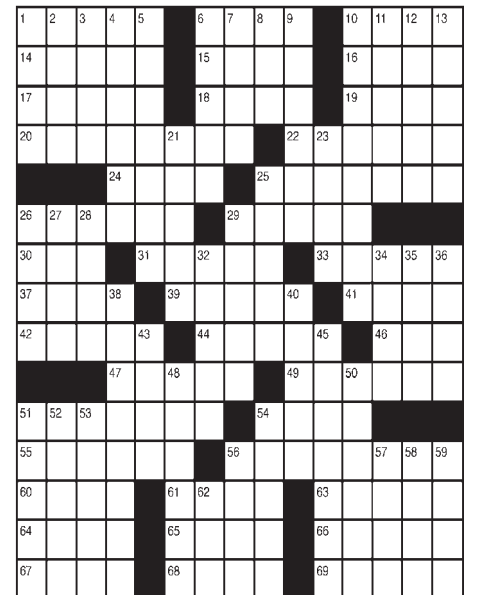
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- Went out with
- Pillow cover
- Throw
- Went skyward
- Lima's nation
- Cincinnati, ___
- Becomes liquid
- Ridge of sand
- "For ___", landlord's sign
- Spacious and elegant
- Hunt for food
- Wee
- 15 ___ by 3 is 5
- Hurt by insulting
- Yearned
- Misfortune
- Give in
- Fictional work
- Burden
- Correct; improve
- Talk wildly
- Undress
- Fancy cracker toppings
- Collection
- Venetian blind pieces
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- Rapturous bliss
- Israeli circle dance
- Empty
- Done
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- Real ___; land and buildings
- Fate
- Aerosol
- Part of the foot
- "___ you thinking what I'm thinking?"
- Breakfast toast alternative
- Hall
- Winning, so far
- Burn the edges of
- Carried
- Kolkata, ___
- Kiln
- ___ care; wasn't interested
- Hooting birds
- Twelve inches
- Apprehension
- Tearful requests
- "E" on the gas gauge
- Bouquet holder
- At any time
- Permits

DOWN

- Moist
- Region
- Payment by a bridge crosser

- Go the ___; stay in until the end
- Evil spirit
- Think ahead
- Soap operas
- Toward the rear of a ship
- Graduation cap dangler
- Kick out
- ___ on; continue
- Cone topper
- Rubes
- Clenched hand
- Conceal
- Border
- Profound
- Dessert choice

Cerabino Column:

Porn industry could be a hot jobs prospect for Rick Scott

Frank Cerabino

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.

-- News item: The thriving pornographic movie industry in California's San Fernando Valley was dealt a setback on Friday when a judge upheld the constitutionality of a Los Angeles County voter initiative that would require male performers to wear condoms. Some in the industry, which employs an estimated 10,000 people, have complained that the new government regulation will make them move their video production companies elsewhere. ---

Dear California Movie Entrepreneur:

Are you ready to get to work? My name is Rick Scott, and as the governor of Florida, I have been on a nationwide hunt to bring new jobs to Florida.

Before I was elected to office three years ago, I promised to bring 700,000 new jobs to Florida in addition to the 700,000 that economists predicted would be added to our state as part of its natural growth. We're nowhere near that. So I have embarked on a

two-pronged approach: (1) pretending that I only promised to bring half that number of jobs; and (2) trying to take existing jobs from other states by making direct appeals to businesses to relocate to Florida. And so I have come to you. We here in Florida sympathize with businesses interested in reducing the layer of government red tape, which in your case might be better described as a layer of government red latex.

Rest assured, if you relocated your movie business to Florida, we would not burden you with California-style concern about HIV transmission. We're not interested in jobs-killing rules like that here in Florida.

We know, as you do, that the marketplace works best when it is left to regulate itself -- or if that's not possible, to stack business leaders on government oversight boards to make sure that the regulation is as meaningless as possible. If California is foolish enough to drive you away due to a nanny-state concern about some perceived "reckless be-

havior," come to Florida, where we have a proven record of going out of our way to promote reckless behavior. Let's face it, our "stand your ground" gun law encourages our citizens to kill each other through the reckless discharge of firearms. So we're certainly not going to be criticizing any reckless discharges that may or may not occur in your line of work. If you move your thriving small business to Florida, we can promise you low taxes, very little oversight and a pot of taxpayer-provided incentive money to put you in the mood. If you know what I mean. We'll practically do anything if you promise to bring some "high-paying" jobs to our state. Anything. Make us an offer. We're practically begging for it. You're not going to believe how easy it is. If you

think Angelica Sin was easy in "Throbbin' Hood," you haven't seen how quickly we give it up here in Florida.

At this point, we're giving companies that are already in Florida incentive money to create jobs here. So, luring jobs in a \$7 billion-a-year industry from the socialist stronghold of California will be ... well ... let's just say that my eyes may roll up into the back of my head. And we'll work out a tasteful way to announce this great success. Hey, we're good at that too. We trotted out a military color guard to announce the opening of some 7-Eleven convenience stores in Jacksonville last year.

So who knows? Maybe we could wangle a Blue Angels fly-by for the Florida production of "Driving Into Miss Daisy 2." -Frank Cerabino writes for The Palm Beach Post. □

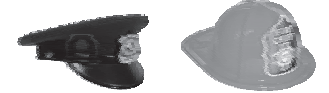
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Archaeologists race to save Gaza's ancient ruins

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ST. HILARION, Gaza Strip (AP) — The ruins of this ancient complex sit on dunes by the sea, a world away from Gaza City's noise and bustle. Up in the sky, birds compete for space with children's kites flying from a nearby farm.

St. Hilarion's monastery, a reminder of the time in late antiquity when Christianity was the dominant faith in what is now the Gaza Strip, is one of many archaeological treasures scattered across this coastal territory. But Gaza is one of the most crowded places on earth, and the rapid spread of its urban sprawl is endangering sites spanning 4,500 years, from Bronze Age ramparts to colorful Byzantine mosaics, experts say.

Archaeologists, short of funds and unable to find sufficient trained local staff, say they are scrambling to find and protect the monuments. Some are left open to the weather. Others are engulfed by new development projects.

"Archaeology in Gaza is everywhere," says French archaeologist Jean-Baptiste Humbert, who excavated in the territory from 1995 to 2005. He says it was once a "very rich oasis, with gardens, cities and you have settlements, dwellings, fortresses, cities everywhere, everywhere." The strip of land on the Mediterranean, sandwiched by Israel and Egypt, is now largely isolated, but once was a thriving crossroads between Africa, the Levant and Asia.

Today, about 1.7 million Palestinians are squeezed into about 360 square kilometers (140 square miles), an area roughly twice the



In this Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013 photo, a man looks at a mosaic at St. Hilarion's monastery in the Jabaliya refugee camp, northern Gaza Strip.

size of Washington, D.C. The need for housing is in Gaza greater than that for preserving ancient artifacts, said Humbert, who is affiliated with the Ecole Biblique, a French academic institution in Jerusalem. Not only does the territory have a high birth rate, but since the Islamic militant Hamas group seized Gaza in 2007, construction has often been interrupted by shortages in building materials caused by border blockades enforced by Israel and Egypt.

Six years on, the ruins of St. Hilarion about 10 kilometers (six miles) southwest of Gaza City illustrate the challenges of saving Gaza's ancient treasures.

The two-hectare (five-acre) monastery complex, known in Arabic as Tel Umm Amer, is believed to mark the birthplace of St. Hilarion, a fourth century A.D. Christian monk considered to be one of the founders of monasticism in the Holy Land. The site includes walls

and foundations that are the remains of two churches, a cemetery, baths, a baptism hall and mosaic pavements.

The ruins were uncovered in 1999, said Nabila Maliha, an archaeologist at Gaza's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. Now, local authorities have trouble preserving it. "We lack the capability, the support and the proper materials," she said.

Ecole Biblique, the U.N. cultural agency UNESCO and students from Gaza's Islamic University have tried to help. Preservation work includes covering the mosaic with a protective layer

of sand, shoring up crumbling walls with sandbags and clearing weeds.

A shortage of trained local staff is a problem.

After Hamas seized Gaza from its political rival, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, most of the civil servants at the time stayed away from their jobs. As part of the dispute between the two factions, Abbas' West Bank-based government only paid civil servants who did not work. Employees hired by the Antiquities Ministry after 2007 don't have enough experience, said the deputy minister, Mohammed Khella, adding that some

of the archaeological sites in Gaza are "in very bad condition."

As a result of the border blockades, local staff had difficulty leaving Gaza for training abroad.

Even foreign help can only do so much, and an injection of money — according to Humbert at least 35,000 euros (\$47,000) a year — is needed to preserve sites like St. Hilarion. UNESCO has given some money, but "funds needed to complete the emergency measures to put the site in safety are not available," said Junaid Sorosh-Wali, from the Ramallah office of UNESCO, the office responsible for the works in Gaza.

Another site, called Jebaliyah, is located just 100 meters (yards) from a refugee camp of the same name, the largest of eight camps in Gaza.

Here, Humbert is trying to shield a Byzantine mosaic pavement dating back to the sixth century. But the concrete shelter that would protect it from the weather will cost \$75,000 and the archaeologist is still looking for funding.

The Jebaliyah mosaic pavement is part of what once was a Byzantine church located on the road from Gaza to Jerusalem.

Weather can also contribute to a site's demise, such as at Tel Es-Sakan in central Gaza. □

Associated Press

Telescope captures dramatic moment of starbirth

MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida

(AP) — This is one baby picture you won't want to miss.

The ALMA telescope in Chile has captured a close-up of the glowing material spewing from a newborn star.

The stunning images show material streaming from the baby star at incredible speed, glowing as it plows into the surrounding gas and dust. Astronomers



This image made available by the European Southern Observatory on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013 shows the Herbig-Haro object HH 46/47 as jets emerging from a star-forming dark cloud.

Associated Press

say the illuminated jets are spewing out faster than ever measured before and are more energetic than previously thought.

The glowing mass is called a Herbig-Haro object, named after U.S. and Mexican astronomers. This one is 1,400 light-years away in the constellation Vela.

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Katy Perry to close iTunes Festival in London

NEW YORK (AP) — This year's iTunes Festival is ending with a roar, to be delivered by Katy Perry. The pop superstar, whose new single "Roar" is climbing the charts, will be the final act of the month-long London festival. It kicks off Sept. 1 with another diva, Lady Gaga, and will feature Robin Thicke, Elton John, Justin Timberlake, John Legend, Kendrick Lamar and the Kings of Leon, among others.

Perry's "Roar" is her best-selling single on iTunes with more 544,000 copies sold domestically alone, according to Apple. Perry said she's pumped to be performing and noted that Icona Pop, who have the hit "I Love It," will be her opening act. Rap-er Iggy Azalea will also appear. The annual festival will be streamed on iTunes festival app and available for download. □

Source: Jennifer Lopez deal with 'Idol' imminent

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NEW YORK (AP) — A person familiar with negotiations to bring Jennifer Lopez back as an "American Idol" judge says her return will be announced this week. The person said Monday that a deal is close to being signed with Lopez, who was an "Idol" judge for the 2011 and 2012 seasons. The person wasn't authorized to comment publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. The person says Lopez decided to rejoin the show because its production schedule will allow her to spend more time with her children, 5-year-old twins Emme and Max. Lopez will join returning



This Oct. 2, 2012 file photo shows Jennifer Lopez watching Chanel's ready to wear Spring-Summer 2013 collection, presented in Paris.

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judge Keith Urban and a third person who hasn't been announced. Fox has declined to comment on whether Lopez is joining "American Idol"

and did not immediately respond to another request for comment Monday. Lopez's agent did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment. □

TV mogul Simon Cowell says he'll be a dad

LONDON (AP) — British TV mogul Simon Cowell says he's looking forward to being a father, his first public confirmation that he will be having a child with married New York socialite Lauren Silverman. Cowell, who had previously dodged questions about the affair, told the BBC that "things are changing in my life right now, for the better," adding: "I'm proud to be a dad." The 53-year-old talent

show curmudgeon said Silverman is "a very special girl" and that while he hadn't thought of fatherhood before, "now I know I feel good about it." Cowell was speaking at the world premiere of the film "One Direction: This Is Us" in London on Tuesday. □

British producer Simon Cowell arrives for the UK Premiere of 'One Direction: This Is Us 3D' at a central London cinema, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013.

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Furniture designer Charles Pollock dies in N.Y. fire

NEW YORK (AP) — Furniture designer Charles Pollock, who created a chair that became ubiquitous in offices in the mid-20th century and is still in production, died Tuesday in a fire at his home. Pollock, who was 83, was pronounced dead in his Queens home, and the cause of the fire was under investigation, police said. Pollock grew up in the Detroit area and graduated

from high school there. He moved to New York to study at the School of Art and Design at the Pratt Institute. He introduced his Pollock Executive Chair in 1963 for the Knoll company. The chair, set on rolling wheels, was visually distinctive with tufted upholstery and an aluminum band around its edges. Knoll started manufacturing the chair in 1965 and continues to this day.

At the time, the chair far outstripped the production of any other piece, a Knoll Inc. spokesman said. But in the decades that followed that achievement, Pollock largely moved away from furniture design. He returned to it recently. After being sought out by Jerry Helling of Bernhardt Design, Pollock created a lounge chair that was introduced last year. □



This April 23, 2001 photo provided by Knoll, Inc. shows the Pollock Executive Chair.

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ABC, CBS news gaining with different approaches

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NEW YORK (AP) — Evening newscasts on ABC and CBS are both gaining ground on market leader Brian Williams of NBC News, but that's one of the few things they have in common.

Behind Diane Sawyer, second-place ABC is making strides with a sleek "World News" that emphasizes the American family, news that hits home and the cultural zeitgeist. Scott Pelley has revealed himself to be a traditionalist at "CBS Evening News," leading a show weighty with significant national and international events.

NBC's "Nightly News" remains in first place, where it has generally been since the late 1990s except for a brief run by Charles Gibson at ABC. The Nielsen company said NBC's viewership is down from last year while ABC and CBS are up, with ABC in July winning a week among the key 25-to-54-year-old demographic for the first time since 2008.

Despite decades-long prophecies of doom, network evening newscasts remain a vital part of television's landscape, collectively reaching more than 22 million people each weeknight. Often, Williams' newscast is more popular than NBC's prime-time programming. Now there's a creative push to distinguish broadcasts that once seemed interchangeable. "We recognize the environment has changed very significantly," said



This Dec. 21, 2009 file photo shows ABC World News anchor Diane Sawyer taping a news brief before her live evening broadcast from New York.

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James Goldston, ABC's senior vice president of news. "The days when an evening newscast can act as a digest of the day's news are gone." What's happening in the evening is similar to the morning, in terms of content. ABC's "Good Morning America" has swept past NBC's "Today" with a breezy show on the tip of pop culture and hosts that ooze chemistry. CBS remains in third, but has gained ground since it stopped trying to imitate its rivals.

The most visible recent sign of the different approaches came not in the evening but a few hours

before. On July 22, when Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton became parents for the first time, ABC cut away from regular afternoon programming for more than an hour to talk about the birth, coverage that featured Barbara Walters.

CBS didn't bother with a special report, a judgment that stood out more because NBC did the same as ABC. Pelley reported the story on the evening news. CBS News President David Rhodes quipped that "it wasn't the Second Coming." "We tried to not completely lose our minds covering it," Rhodes said. "I

don't think we were making a statement. I think the others were making a statement about themselves by doing it."

Goldston is fine with that. ABC has stayed on the story, airing a "World News" report last Wednesday featuring Prince William talking about the experience of being a new dad.

"Millions and millions of people in America were interested in the birth of the royal baby," he said. "It's news. We just report the news."

Day-to-day, the differences are more muted. In 13 of 23 weekdays in July, the two evening newscasts

led with the same story, according to news consultant Andrew Tyndall. On some of the days they diverged, ABC picked stories with more populist appeal. One day, ABC led with weather and forest fires, while CBS started with Egyptian politics. ABC led another day when the women kept imprisoned in a Cleveland home released a video message; CBS had a follow-up report on the San Francisco plane crash. On July 24, CBS began its broadcast with economic news, while ABC opened by reporting the name of William and Kate's baby.

Getting beyond the day's obvious headlines is where different priorities emerge. ABC frequently airs detailed reports by Paula Faris that give concrete advice on how families can find savings; she recently talked about trimming fees included in home sales and costs related to sending someone off to college. The "Real Money" series is less "news" than practical advice. Sawyer's daily "Instant Index" has voiceovers on stories like a study on successful marriages and soda companies defending the use of sugar substitutes. She's shown YouTube-worthy clips of a panda bear mom welcoming back her baby and a confused grandmother throwing her drink at a bride instead of confetti. "At the end of the broadcast, people not only feel empowered, smarter and enlightened, they know some of the things going on in the world that are interesting, that people are talking about," said Michael Corn, "World News" executive producer.

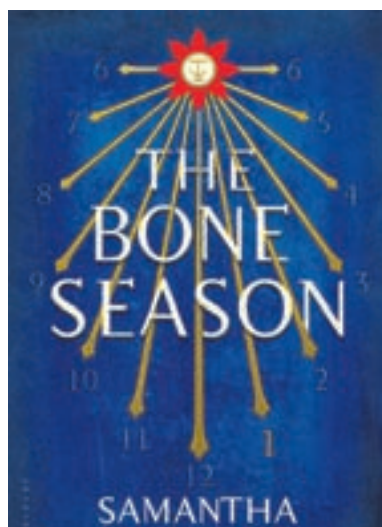
At CBS, "we like to have news all the way through the broadcast," said Patricia Shevlin, executive producer. That doesn't mean all protein and no garnish: the panda clip ran on CBS, too. Yet while ABC played up a tearful Jennifer Garner and Halle Berry testifying in favor of a California law restricting paparazzi, CBS ignored the celebrities. □

The 'Today' Show launches new book club

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC's "Today" show is investing in readers.

The morning program announced Tuesday that it is starting a new book club. Its first club pick is "The Bone Season," the debut novel of 21-year-old Samantha Shannon. Published by Bloomsbury, it's the first in a planned seven-part series set in a dystopian futuristic London.

The "Today" show had a



book club about 10 years ago. It lasted about three years.

This time the show has combined forces with Google+ Hangout to open up a discussion about the books among "Today" personalities, authors and fans.

New selections will be

made every four to five weeks. The chosen reads will have stickers on their covers like Oprah's Book Club, which was featured on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Winfrey has revived her club on the OWN network, now called Oprah's Book Club 2.0. □

This book cover image released by Bloomsbury USA shows "The Bone Season," by Samantha Shannon.

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Money, Money, Money, Money.... Money!



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WASHINGTON - Clinton nostalgia is being replaced by Clinton neurogia.

Why is it that America's roil family always seems better in abstract than in concrete? The closer it gets to running the world once more, the more you are reminded of all the things that bugged you the last time around.

The Clintons' neediness, their sense of what they are owed in material terms for their public service, their assumption that they're entitled to everyone's money. Are we about to put the "For Rent" sign back on the Lincoln Bedroom? If Americans are worried about money in politics, there is no larger concern than the Clintons, who are cosseted in a world where rich people endlessly scratch the backs of rich people.

They have a Wile E. Coyote problem; something is always blowing up. Just when the Clintons are supposed to be floating above it all, on a dignified cloud of dogooding leading into 2016, pop-pop-pop, little explosions go off everywhere, reminding us of the troubling connections and values they drag around.

There's the continuing grotesque spectacle of Anthony Weiner and Huma Abedin. And there's the sketchy involvement of the Clintons' most prolific fundraiser, Terry McAuliffe, and Hillary's brother Tony Rodham in a venture, GreenTech Automotive; it's under federal investigation and causing fireworks in Virginia, where McAuliffe is running for governor.

Many Israelis were disgusted to learn that Bill Clinton was originally scheduled to scarf up \$500,000 to speak at the Israeli president Shimon Peres' 90th birthday festivities in June. I guess being good friends with Peres and brokering the accord that won Peres the Nobel Peace Prize were not reasons enough for Bill to celebrate. The Israeli branch of the Jewish National Fund had agreed to donate half a mil to the Clinton foundation. Isn't the JNF "supposed to plant trees with donor cash?" Haaretz chided before the fund pulled back. "I guess money does grow on trees."

I never thought I'd have to read the words Ira Magaziner again. But the man who helped Hillary torpedo her own health care plan is back.

In a Times article last week headlined "Unease at Clinton Foun-

dation Over Finances and Ambitions," Nicholas Confessore and Amy Chozick offered a compelling chronicle about an internal review of the rechristened Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation that illuminated the fun- gible finances and tensions between Clinton loyalists and the foundation architects Magaziner and Doug Band, former bag carrier for Bill Clinton.

You never hear about problems with Jimmy Carter's foundation; he just quietly goes around the world eradicating Guinea worm disease. But Magaziner continues to be a Gyro Gearloose, the inept inventor of Donald Duck's Duckburg.

"On one occasion, Magaziner dispatched a team of employees to fly around the world for months gathering ideas for a climate change proposal that never got off the ground," Confessore and Chozick said.

We are supposed to believe that every dollar given to a Clinton is a dollar that improves the world. But is it? Clintonworld is a galaxy where personal enrichment and political advancement blend seamlessly, and where a cast of jarringly familiar characters pad their pockets every which way to Sunday.

"Efforts to insulate the foundation from potential conflicts have highlighted just how difficult it can be to disentangle the Clintons' charity work from Bill Clinton's moneymaking ventures and Hillary Clinton's political future," Confessore and Chozick wrote. The most egregious nest of conflicts was a firm founded by Doug Band called Teneo, a scammy blend of corporate consulting, public relations and merchant banking. Band, a surrogate son to Bill, put Huma, a surrogate daughter to Hillary, on the payroll. Even Big Daddy Bill was a paid adviser.

As The Times reported, Teneo worked on retainer, charging monthly fees up to \$250,000 and recruiting clients from among Clinton Foundation donors, while encouraging others to become foundation donors. The Clintons distanced themselves from Teneo when they got scorched with bad publicity after the collapse of its client MF Global, the international brokerage firm led by the former New Jersey governor Jon Corzine.

And Chelsea is now shaping the foundation's future, and her political future. So there may not be as much oxygen for her troublesome surrogate siblings.

As George Packer wrote in The New Yorker, Bill Clinton earned \$17 million last year giving speeches, including one to a Lagos company for \$700,000. Hillary gets \$200,000 a speech.

Until Harry Truman wrote his memoirs, the ex-president struggled on an Army pension of \$112.56 a month. "I could never lend myself to any transaction, however respectable," he said, "that would commercialize on the prestige and dignity of the office of the presidency." □



Let Our Client Go



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In a simpler, more reasonable world, the government of the United States would have enough leverage in Cairo to put an end to the Egyptian military's brutal crackdown on its Muslim Brotherhood opponents. We are, after all, the longstanding patron of Egypt's generals; they are among our best-financed clients. We are the world's sole superpower; their country is a needy basket case. We're supplying them with \$1.5 billion in aid this year; they can certainly use the money.

Instead, our impotence as Egypt burns is the latest case study in a reality that U.S. statesmen should always keep in mind: Client governments are never as tractable as their patrons in far-off capitals expect, and a great power that thinks it's buying influence is often buying its way into trouble instead.

This trouble can take a variety of forms. The most destructive is the longstanding tendency of client states to pull their patrons into needless wars. Sometimes the patron's promise of support persuades the client to act recklessly, and then the patron ends up backing the recklessness because its own credibility is at stake. Sometimes the patron-client relationship just creates a closed circle of bellicose misjudgment. And sometimes the relationship inspires the patron to overestimate its client's strategic importance and engage

in an unwise or futile intervention.

Many of the 20th century's crises were touched off or worsened by these kinds of great-power/client-state dynamics - between Russia and Serbia in 1914; between Stalin and Kim Il Sung in 1950 and Khrushchev and Castro in 1962; and between the U.S. and various South Vietnamese governments across our long Indochina debacle.

The problem is still with us today. The brush-fire war between Russia and Georgia in 2008, for instance, probably wouldn't have happened if America's patronage hadn't made our Georgian allies overestimate their ability to engage in brinkmanship with Vladimir Putin. (Happily, John McCain's half-cocked declaration that "we are all Georgians" was the closest we came to starting World War III on Tbilisi's behalf.) And the 2003 Iraq invasion was shaped, in part, by perverse patron-client dynamics as well: It was both a continuation of Gulf War I, which was fought on behalf of our gulf-state clients, and an attempt to effectively replace those (highly problematic) allies with what various Bush-administration optimists hoped would be a new and very grateful client in the heart of the Middle East.

In Egypt today, the stakes are lower for the U.S., since we are unlikely to be dragged into a shooting war on the Egyptian military's behalf. But that's partly because we've given them enough weapons to do all the shooting for themselves. Which means our patronage has created a different kind of problem: Even absent an actual military footprint, we've been dragged permanently into Egypt's domestic politics, where we're seen - for understandable reasons as well as conspiratorial ones - as the real power behind whatever the state decides to do.

In the 1980s and 1990s, that seemed a price worth paying, since a bought-and-paid-for (and Israel-friendly) Egypt was preferable to either a hostile

secular dictatorship in the style of Nasser's regime or a hostile religious dictatorship in the style of post-revolutionary Iran. (Pre-revolutionary Iran being another case, of course, where a U.S. patron-client relationship ended badly for all concerned.)

The events of Sept. 11 made the price seem considerably steeper, since the terrorist attacks were, in part, a case of client-state blowback. Al-Qaida's mission and worldview were forged in Egypt's prisons, and the 9/11 plot itself was spearheaded by a young Egyptian, Mohamed Atta, who made no distinction between his country's rulers and their American patrons.

Still, given the post-9/11 situation, it was understandable that our aid kept flowing and our close relationship endured. And it was understandable, too, that the Obama White House would hesitate to upset the relationship in the last few years, with Egypt in the throes of what seemed as if it might be a democratic revolution.

Now, though, the calculus has to change. Egypt is rolling back into authoritarianism along a track that's soaked in blood. The cycle of crackdown-radicalization, crackdown-radicalization is likely to get worse, the cost of being intimately tied to the military regime is getting higher, and the window for demonstrating that America's favor really is conditional is closing fast.

Right now, the Obama administration is trapped by its client state the way that great-power patrons often are. Because our aid to Egypt is our most obvious leverage over its military, and because we can really only pull that lever once, Washington is afraid to follow through and do it.

But leverage can be lost through inaction as well. If we can't cut the Egyptian military off amid this blood bath, we're basically proving that we never, ever will. Far better to act like the superpower we are, and make an end. It's time, and past time, to let this client go. □

Elmore Leonard, Who Refined The Crime Thriller, Dies At 87

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Elmore Leonard, the prolific crime novelist whose louche characters, deadpan dialogue and immaculate prose style in novels like "Get Shorty," "Freaky Deaky," "Glitz" and "La Brava" secured his status as a modern master of American genre writing, died Tuesday at his home in Bloomfield Village, Mich. He was 87.

His death was announced on his website.

To his admiring peers, Leonard did not merely validate the popular crime thriller; he stripped the form of its worn-out affectations, re-inventing it for a new generation and elevating it to a higher literary shelf.

Reviewing "Riding the Rap" for The New York Times Book Review in 1995, Martin Amis cited Leonard's "gifts - of ear and eye, of timing and phrasing - that even the most indolent and snobbish masters of the mainstream must vigorously covet."

As the American chapter of PEN noted, when honoring Leonard with its Lifetime Achievement award in 2009, his books "are not only classics of the crime genre, but some of the best writing of the last half-century."

Leonard's first story was published in Argosy magazine in 1951, and 60 years later he was still turning out a book a year because, he said, "It's fun."

It was in that spirit that Leonard, at 84, took more than a casual interest in the development of one of his short stories, "Fire in the Hole," for television. "Justified," as the FX series was called, won a Peabody Award in 2011 in its second season and sent new fans to "Pronto" (1993) and "Riding the Rap" (1995), two novels that feature the series' hero, Raylan Givens (played by Timothy Olyphant), a federal marshal from Harlan County, Ky., who presents himself as a good ol' country boy but is "not as dumb as you'd like to believe."

Approving of the way the show was working out,

Leonard wrote his 45th novel, "Raylan," with the television series in mind. Published in 2012, it featured three strong female villains and gave its cowboy hero license to shoot one of them.

Amused and possibly a bit exasperated by frequent requests to expound on his writing techniques, Leonard drew up "Ten Rules of Writing," published in The

of the deadbeat clients he hounds for late payments. "You never tell the guy what could happen to him," he explains. "Let him use his imagination, he'll think of something worse. In other words, don't talk when you don't have to." When asked about the vivid landscapes in "Hombre," "Valdez Is Coming" and other western novels and short stories he wrote

city, dropped the suckers off for six hours to lose their paychecks, their Social Security in the slots and haul them back up to Elizabeth, Newark, Jersey City, Philly, Allentown. Bring some more loads back tomorrow - like the Jews in the boxcars, only they kept these folks alive with bright lights and loud music and jackpot payoffs that sounded like fire alarms."



Elmore Leonard in Detroit, Jan. 20, 2012. Leonard, whose style in novels like "Get Shorty," "Freaky Deaky," "Glitz" and "La Brava" secured his status as a modern master of American genre writing, died Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013 at his home in Bloomfield Township, Mich. He was 87.

(Dan Borris/The New York Times)

New York Times in 2001. "Try to leave out the parts that readers tend to skip," "If it sounds like writing, re-write it" and other gems spoke to Leonard's puckish wit; but put into practice, his "rules" do indeed capture the essence of his own spare style.

Leonard's narrative voice was crisp, clean and direct. He had no time to waste on superfluous adverbs, adjectives or tricky verb forms, and he had no patience for moody interior monologues or lyrical descriptive passages.

It takes only three words - "Look at me" - for Chili Palmer, the Miami loan shark in "Get Shorty," to strike terror into the hearts

before turning to urban crime and criminals, Leonard told an interviewer how he did his "research." "I subscribed to Arizona Highways," he said, "and that was loaded with scenery."

Good guys and bad guys both, the players in Leonard's books are always energized by the big, bad cities where they operate. There's a wicked backbeat in his urban novels that pulses through cities like Miami, Detroit, New Orleans and San Juan.

Atlantic City is its own sinister character in "Glitz," preying on the tour buses that lumber into the city like blind cattle. "Two thousand a day came into the

Although he was galvanized by the pace and patois of the metropolis, Leonard lived quietly beyond the city's reach. At his death, he and his third wife, Christine, had a home in Bloomfield Village, Mich. During his 28-year marriage to Beverly Cline, which ended in divorce in 1977, he lived in Birmingham, a suburb of Detroit. And when he married for the second time in 1979, to Joan Shepard, who died in 1993, he moved into a house seven blocks away. Elmore John Leonard was born in New Orleans on Oct. 11, 1925. Nine years later his father, an executive with General Motors, moved the family to

Detroit. After graduating from high school in 1943, he did a two-year stretch in the Navy. Picking up his schooling at the University of Detroit, he graduated in 1950 and became a copywriter for a Detroit advertising agency.

Before going to work in the morning, he would try his hand at writing westerns. After selling his first story, "Trail of the Apaches," he went on to write a number of western novels and short stories throughout the '50s and '60s, including "Hombre" (1961), named by the Western Writers of America as one of the 25 best westerns ever written. (It was made into a movie starring Paul Newman in 1967.)

His first crime novel, "The Big Bounce," set in Michigan, was published in 1969 and kicked off a series of hard-boiled crime narratives - "Fifty-Two Pickup," "Swag," "Unknown Man No. 89" and the raw genre masterpiece "City Primeval: High Noon in Detroit" among them - that to some of his die-hard fans define the essence of urban noir. "Glitz," published in 1985, was Leonard's 25th novel and the breakthrough that flew to the top of the best-seller fiction lists and put him on the cover of Newsweek. But he felt the movie "Get Shorty" really made his a household name.

"After writing almost anonymously" for decades Leonard wryly noted in 1996, "I am what you call an overnight success."

Did success spoil Elmore Leonard? No one who knew him would say so. The only thing slightly raffish about the soft-spoken, laconic author was his nickname, Dutch, and the cloth working-guy caps he wore in all kinds of weather. The name was borrowed from a baseball player ("I was in high school and I needed a nickname"), and the caps were a small concession to the vanity of a balding man. In person and in private, he was very much like his hero in "Split Images": "one of those quiet guys who looked at you and seemed to know things." □